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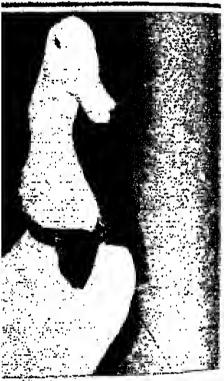
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Rising Joblessness Tears at Japan's Social Cohesion

By Stephanie Strom
New York Times Service

TOKYO - Last June, Takaharu Akimoto's boss po-TOKYO — Last June, Takaharu Akimoto's boss politely and apologetically asked him to quit his job as a production manager at Shoshiba Manufacturing Co., a midsize engine-parts manufacturer affiliated with the beleaguered Nissan Motor Co.

"I said to myself, 'Impossible!" Mr. Akimoto recalled. 'I told him I didn't want to quit, please let me stay lengar."

longer."

But in today's Japan, the impossible has become possible, and in December, seven years shy of his retirement, Mr. Akimoto "quir" and joined the 2.91 million other Japanese who are officially looking for a joh.

"This is the worst period of my life," he said. "I've had some serious setbacks before, but this is totally

Japan has been suffering its highest rate of unemployment since the government started keeping statistics in 1953. Almost twice as many people are looking for jobs

as there are job openings, and many of the available positions are in low-paying, unskilled areas.

That strikes a blow to the heart of Japan's self-image, and the whole country is reeling. Although unemploy-ment is low compared with the rate in many other .countries, full employment, or close to it, is a key clause in the social contract that has kept the public complacent and one political party in power in Japan almost con-sistently since World War II.

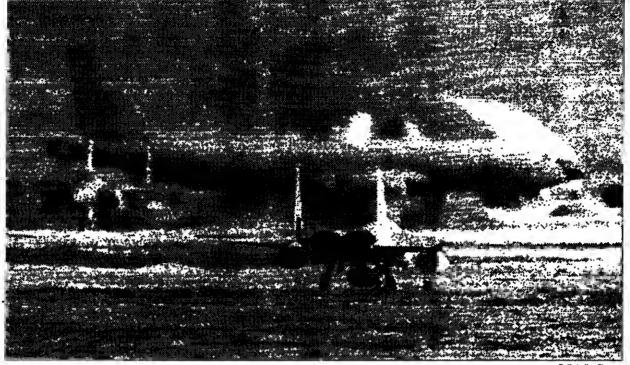
Now, for the first time since the lean years after the country's defeat in the war, most Japanese know someone who is out of a job and fear that they could be next.

In addition to the challenge of finding work, the jobless are battling shame and despair. Mr. Akimoto, for example, kept his quitting a secret from his wife for a

"I was at a loss as to bow we would survive," be

The humiliation sometimes flares into anger, an emotion rarely on public display in Japan. An irate job-seeker waved his fist in the face of a television reporter filming at one branch of the government employment agency known as Hello Work, accusing the reporter of invading

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A U.S. F-15 jet preparing for takeoff Wednesday at the Incirlik base in southern Turkey for a patrol over Iraq.

U.S. Widening Its Targets in Iraq

By Steven Lee Myers

WASHINGTON - The almost daily U.S. air strikes against Iraq have turned into the equivalent of a low-intensity war, hitting a wide range of military sites. While the Pentagon seeks to justify the attacks by calling them defensive, some of the targets pose little immediate threat to U.S. or British pilots flying patrol over much of Iraq.

Operating under rules that allow pilots — if attacked or threatened — to strike at any targets, U.S. fighter jets have pounded more than a dozen sites in north and south Iraq in the

On Tuesday, for the first time, the targets included a newly completed missile site that could threaten ships in the Gulf, Pentagon officials said.

And in the last month, U.S. planes, recently joined by British jets, have attacked more anti-aircraft batteries and surface-to-air missile batteries than they did during the four nights of intense raids in December.

Including the Tuesday raids, the Americans and British have struck more than 40 targets.

The raids in December were meant to set back Iraq's ability to make chemical and binlogical weapons in the wake of President Saddam Hussein's repeated refusal to cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors. The aim of this new war of attrition, officials said, is to put

pressure on President Saddam's isolated government and armed forces to keep him on the defensive, even as the United States openly advocates the overthrow of the Iraqi leader. Officials at the Pentagon say the latest strikes have dealt a blow to Iraq's ability to threaten the American and British

patrols. By one intelligence estimate, Iraq has lost about 20 percent of its air-defense weapons since the December 'We're being effective, taking out his air defenses piece by

piece," an official said. But Iraq has remained defiant. On Monday, Baghdad

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EU Warns Italy On Deficit Criteria For Single Currency

'Over-Optimistic' 3-Year Budget Plan Should Be Revised, Commission Says

By Barry James

BRUSSELS — The European Commission fired a warning shot across Italy's bow Wednesday, saying Rome's growth forecasts seemed "over-optimistic" and questioning whether it could sustain the economic performance required for mem-

bership in the European single currency, the euro.

The European Union's executive agency recommended that the Italian government resubmit its three-year budget plan. Italian officials insisted that the government would be able to keep to the criteria, but the warning revived old fears about Italy's ability to keep its economy in line with other countries in the currency union.

Although Italy made heroic efforts in becoming one of the ll countries adopting the euro, concern was expressed in Germany and elsewhere about its historically high levels of public debt and deficit. Now, the commission has suggested that Italy may have to do more to comply with the euro zone's

economic targets. The commission's assessment followed warnings by the European Central Bank that several member countries are not making enough of an effort to assure that their budgets are

balanced or in surplus The commission's findings will be debated Monday by finance ministers of the 11 countries forming part of the currency zone, and if its assessment is confirmed, the ministers are likely to instruct Italy to present a revised program,

officials said. At the same time, the commission said Britain and Sweden, which are not members of the economic and monetary union, fully met the single currency requirements. It said Portugal met the requirements but had insufficient margin for maneuver if economic conditions worsened.

Italian officials said Treasury Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi would show new figures to the EU finance ministers next week to prove that Italy's budget and economic forecasts were realistic. In Rome, Mr. Ciampi said the presentation of a three-year economic program in the spring should satisfy the commission's request for a revised Italian medium-term

budget proposal.

The commission also warned that because of

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Second Thoughts About East Timor Indonesia's Offer of Independence Now Suspect as Violence Flares

By Michael Richardson tional Herald Tribane

JAKARTA — Far from pacifying rebellious East Timor, Indonesia's offer of independence is fanning a cycle of violence that could make early sovcreignty impossible, diplomats and aid workers said Wednesday.

In fact, some analysts now think that Jakarta's surprise statement last week was intended to whip up controversy and conflict in the former Portuguese colony to strengthen the case for it to remain part of Indonesia.

This suspicion has been increased by the disclosure that the Indonesian military is paying and arming a large militia force in East Timor that critics say is terrorizing the majority of the population there that favors independence. Indonesia annexed the territory as a province in 1976 in a move that has not been recognized by most governments.

Meanwhile, pro-Indonesian loyalists say that they are resorting to arms be-cause they feel intimidated by pro-independence groups, who they say also have guns.

"There's a tremendous potential for violence," a senior Western diplomat said. "The lid is now off. Rival groups in East Timor are struggling for position." About 30 persons are reported to have

been killed in political violence in East Timor in the week since Jakarta first held out the prospect of independence, and critics say the Indonesian government and military could use the rising tension and conflict as a reason for remaining there to keep the peace.

Such a situation clearly strengthens the government's argument that the best option for the territory is not independence - and the risk of civil war - but a large measure of self-government within Indonesia.

The foreign ministers of Indonesia

and Portugal are to meet in New York on Sunday and Monday for more talks on the future of the territory, which United Nations officials hope will result in an agreement on an autonomy package.

The agreement has been under negotiation for months and was supposed to have been completed by the end of 1998. But there is no accord yet between the two sides on the key question of how to gange whether a majority of East Timorese support autonomy and whether such autonomy should be a stepping stone to an act of self-determination that would include a vote on independence in a referendum supervised by the United Nations.

Portugal has long supported such au outcome, and Indonesia strongly op-

In an interview in the International Herald Tribune on Wednesday, Foreign

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Xanana Gusmao, an imprisoned East Timorese separatist leader, left, greeting Louis Joinet, a UN human rights representative, on Wednesday.

Americans Turn Angry At Senate, Too, Over Trial

By Richard L. Berke and Janet Elder

NEW YORK - Most Americans now condemn the Senate for its handling of the impeachment trial as much as they did the House of Representatives, and Republicans are taking most of the blame.

The party's image has taken such a battering that half of conservative Republicans even say their party's prospects for the 2000 elections have been damaged, the latest New York Times/ CBS News Poli shows.

While senators had pledged that they would not engage in the brutal par-tisanship that marked the House de-

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liberations, the public views the entire matter in both chambers as more a Republican drive to undermine President Bill Chinton than an honest investigation of possibly serious crimes.

Americans now have grown so exasperated with their lawmakers that most people do not expect the Senate

The Senate struggles with its next move in the trial. Page 3.

trial to end Feb. 12 as Senate leaders have promised.

In a collective judgment that might be summed up as "Enough already!" Americans said impeachment by the House was adequate punishment for Mr. Clinton. While there is still public support for censure, the public would be just as happy if the whole matter were dropped without any final vote.

More than two-thirds of those polled said the Senate does not need to call witnesses to help them decide how to vote on the articles of impeachment. Nearly-three quarters said the videotaped testimony of Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal should not be made public. More than three-quarters said they have learned nothing new about the whole situation from the Senate trial from the Senate trial.

Americans also think that voters' exasperation with impeachment will come at the expense of Republicans in the elections next year.

Forty-eight percent of all Republicans and 50 percent of conservative Republicans said the way House and Senate Republicans have handled the matter would make it barder for Republican

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U.S. Outlines Size Of a Kosovo Force

Defense Secretary William Coben told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday that the administration might commit a "relatively small" U.S. ground force to Kosovo, but only if a furn peace agreement is reached be-

tween warring factions.
Other NATO members should make up the majority of such a force, he said.

Pressed by senators on the likely size of the U.S. contingent, General Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, suggested that a maximum of 2,000 to 4,000 U.S. troops might be required if NATO decided on an overall force of 20,000.

He stressed that the number was hypothetical Page 5.

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Farmers Accused of Piracy In a Landmark Gene Case

Producer of Seeds Charges They Are Misused

By Rick Weiss Washington Post Service

BRUNO, Saskatchewan - On a January morning in central Canada, Percy Schmeiser looked over his frozen fields. "Here's where all the trouble began," he said, pointing to where private investigators last year arrived uninvited and snipped samples of his crops for DNA tests.

Mr. Schmeiser, 68, has been farming these fertile acres all his life, growing canola for the valuable oil in its seeds. And as farmers have done for thousands of years, he has saved some seeds from each year's harvest to replant his fields

the following season.

Now, he said, "for doing what I've always done," he is being sued by Monsanto Co., the agribusiness giant, in a landmark "seed piracy" case.
The outcome could influence how

much control biotechnology companies will have over the world's food supply in the next millennium, and the case is highlighting a major source of friction as the genetic revolution spills into the world of agriculture. Mr. Schmeiser is one of hundreds of

farmers in the United States and Canada who have been accused by Monsanto of replanting the company's patented, gene-altered seeds in violation of a threeyear-old company rule requiring that farmers buy the seeds fresh every year. He vehemently denies having pur-

chased Monsanto's seeds, saying pollen or seeds must have blown onto his farm, possibly from a neighbor's land. It is the company, he says, that ought to be re-buked for its pattern of "harassment."

Besides sending private investigators into farmers' fields, Monsanto sponsors a toll-free "tip line" to help farmers blow the whistle on their neighbors and has placed radio ads broadcasting the names of noncompliant growers caught planting the company's genes. Critics say those tactics are fraying the social fabric that holds farming communities together.

"Farmers here are calling it a reign of terror," Mr. Schmeiser said. "Everyone's looking at each other and asking, 'Did my neighbor say something?' ''
Cases like Mr. Schmeiser's are also

raising alarms within organizations that deal with global food security. That is because three-quarters of the world's growers are subsistence farmers who rely on saved seed. "This is a very alien and threatening concept to farmers in most of the world,"

said Hope Shand, research director of Rural Advancement Foundation International, an international farm advocacy group based in Pittsboro, North Carolina. Our rural communities are being turned into corporate police states and farmers are being turned into criminals."

Monsanto representatives say the company must strictly enforce the "no replant" policy to reconp the millions of dollars spent developing the seeds and to continue providing even better ones.

Already, they say, the new varieties are improving farmers' yields and profits and allowing them to abandon extremely toxic chemicals in favor of more environmentally friendly ones. A newer generation of engineered seeds, now under development, promises to

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Germany **Searches Soul** With Debate On Citizenship

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT - Rarely can the farright anti-immigration parties of Germany make common cause with mainstream politics.

But the radical right is having a field day, throwing its unsolicited and unwelcome support behind a petition drive by the established center-right parties that is meant to oppose a relaxation of Germany's rigid citizenship laws by the new left-leaning government.

"This campaign is out of control," complained Cem Ozdemir, a Green party member of the Bundestag who is of Turkish origio. "The problem is that it is being used by the far right. It has become anti-foreigner and anti-non-German." What started last month as an op-

position effort to collect enough signatures to weaken a key domestic policy initiative by the new chancellor has in-flamed a national debate over who should be allowed to become a German. Bitter recriminations are flying, with

the center-left government accusing op-position Christian Democrats of fomenting racism. Skirmishes have broken out at sidewalk stands where conservative party faithful collect signatures. Civic and religious leaders have begun to speak out, fretting that anti-foreigner sentiment could damage the nation's image. "This campaign is unholy," said Environment Minister Juergen Trittin, a

leader in the Greens, the junior partner in the Social Democratic-led government. "It is encouraging violence and splitting our society in half."

The unwanted support of the far right is both predictable and "very danger-

ous," said Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, which opposes the signature campaign. The debate has become the latest in-

stance of soul-searching to consume Germany since the elections in September. As a generation of leaders who never experienced World War II took over, they wrestled over the design of a Holocaust memorial in Berlin, legal claims by concentration camp survivors and arguments by Martin Walser, a prominent novelist, that be wearies of nonstop re-

minders of the horrors of Auscawitz. Those debates accompany declarations that the new Germany has become 'normal" since its generational change.

Under watchful police sentries, the sidewalk stands across Germany have become ad hoc forums for counterdemonstrators, far-right gawkers and spontaneous outbursts of angry argument with pedestrians.

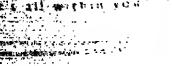
The chairman of the far-right Republikaner Party, Rolf Schlierer, this week announced that the time had come to join forces with the center-right Christian Democrats. In an open letter to the

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A Memorial Service and a Court-Martial

NTHE LITTLE town of Cavalese, set amid the majestic peaks of Italy's Dolomite Mountains, families from across Europe gathered Wednesday to unveil a memorial inscribed with 20 names. One year ago a U.S. Marine Corps EA-6B Prowler flew fast and low on a training mission up the Val di Fiemme and cut through cables holding a gondola carrying skiers from Cavalese to the slopes. The gondola plummeted to the valley floor and the 20 persons aboard — from Italy, Germany, Poland, Belgium and the Netherlands — were killed.

The passage of a year has done little to cool passions raised by the accident, which outraged many Italians, angered and bereaved family mem-bers, caused trouble between Washington and Rome and compromised the careers of the four Marine officers in the plane.

'It still burts like it did the first day," Sindy Renkewitz, 20, one of the family members who traveled to Cavalese, said Tuesday in a phone conversation from the resort town. Her father and sister were among seven persons from the Eastern German town of Burgstadt who were killed. The grief of family members has been further

inflamed by bitterness that the U.S. government has yet to compensate in a major way families of those who died. The pilot and navigator stand accused of manslaughter for flying their jet too fast and too low. Marine commanders are accused of failing to properly equip the flyers and of bowing to political res in agreeing to charge the crew members. Some family members plan to fly soon to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where the pilot of the plane, Captain Richard Ashby, faces a court-marpiane, Capiain Richard Ashoy, races a court-martial, beginning Thursday, on 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter. The navigator, Captain Joseph Schweitzer, faces a separate court-martial on similar charges on March 1. If convicted, they could spend the rest of their lives in prison.

The Prowler was flying at up to 543 knots (624 miles an bour) when it struck the cable at a height of

approximately 370 feet (112 meters), in violation of speed and altitude restrictions, according to estimates presented during preliminary hearings last summer.

Licutenant Colonel Ronald Rodgers, who

presided at the hearings, recommended that Captain Ashby be tried for involuntary manslaughter, But his report noted that a court-martial was in "substantial doubt" because of cvidence of "systemic errors" on the part of the Marine Corps. The cable line, for example, was out on charts supplied to the crew.

UPPORTERS OF Captain Ashby portray him as a scapegoat for Marine Corps failures. "This is unprecedented, to prosecute an air crew for an accident and make them criminally accountable," Frank Spinner, Captain Ashby's attorney, said.

But Colonel Rodgers, while voicing his doubts, also asserted that Captain Ashby might have been responsible for the accident by "overly aggressively" flying the plane. Colonel Rodgers also noted questions raised by the evidence concerning Captain Asbby's professionalism."

A member of his Prowler squadron said the pilot had a reputation for being 'cocky and aggressive' and for flying fast. Only 10 days before the accident, Captain Ashby had to be counseled by supervisors about a low takeoff he made from the Aviano air base, according to court documents.



Victims' relatives weeping Wednesday at a memorial that was unveiled in the cemetery in Cavalese, Italy, on the first anniversary of the incident.

A key item of controversy involves a personal video camera carried by the crew to make a home video of the scenic mountain terrain through which they were flying. Colonel Rodgers said the decision to shont a video during the flight "arguably in-dicates a somewhat cavalier approach to a chal-lenging low-level route with which the pilot and crew were not intimately familiar.'

Perhaps more damaging to the crew's case is what they did with the tape after the flight.

Captain Chandler Seagraves, who was in the rear cockpit during the accident, has told prosecutors that Captain Ashby and Captain Schweitzer asked him a week after the accident, " 'What do you think we should do with the videotape' and I said I would get rid of it." A few days later, Captain Seagraves said, the two told him, "It's gone. We destroyed it."

Captain Ashby and Captain Schweitzer have been charged with obstruction of justice over the missing videotape. However, in Captain Ashby's case, that charge will be heard at a separate court-martial at the request of the defense.

Captain Seagraves and a second Marine officer in the rear cockpit during the accident, Captain Wil-liam Raney 2d, were cleared of any criminal wrongdoing last summer. Each has been granted immunity and is expected to testify in the courtsmartial. In his sworn statement, Captain Seagraves disputed government claims that the crew was deliberately flying too low and too fast.

The defense will focus on failures up the Marine Corps chain of command, including a faulty map given to the aviators and the fact that the crew was instructed that they could fly as low as 1,000 feet, instead of the usual 2,000-foot restriction.

The government counters that the map did show

another aerial cableway a few miles away, presenting the crew with ample warning that low-level flights in that area were dangerous. And prosecutors say the crew would have avoided the gondola had they obeyed the 1,000-foot restriction.

NOTHER LINE of defense involves the plane's radar altimeter, a device that should have warned the crew of its low altitude. An investigation after the accident found it was working. However, Colonel Rodgers wrote that the device's history of breaking down raises the "distinct possibility" it failed to function properly during the fatal flight.

The defense also will rely heavily on a Marine

investigator who testified last summer about a computer simulation that demonstrated that an optical illusion may have fouled the crew into not realizing how low the jet was flying.
The investigator, Colonel Thomas Blickensder-

fer, also testified that plans on how to conduct an investigation soon after the accident changed after senior Marine commanders were told that Romano Prodi, then the Italian prime minister, had warned President Bill Clinton, "You Americans may never operate out of Italy again."

But last month, the military judge who is ex-

pected to preside over the court-martial rejected defense motions to dismiss the cases because of improper command influence.

The gondola line at Cavalese, meanwhile, is back in service, thanks to a \$20 million appropriation from Congress. But an effort by Senator Charles Robb, Democrat

of Virginia, to include as much as \$60 million for the families of victims failed.

Shrinking Role Leaves Nigeria's Army Bitter

By Norimitsu Onishi New York Tones Service

KADUNA, Nigeria - Weakened by malaria, chilled by the dusty harmattan blowing down from the Sahara, his left ankle still healing from a recent fall off his pony, the retired colonel was going

through a bad stretch.

Colonel Abubakar Umar, his eyes blotted out by sunglasses, sat by himself at the Kaduna Polo Club on a recent Saturday afternoon. He had hoped to resume playing Sunday. But a bout of malaria had derailed his plans and left him sitting in a chair by the sidelines, facing an empty field, with not even the strength to pick up the hardcover book on a table beside him, "Colonial Army and Society in Northern Nigeria."

"The military was used by the British to conquer territories," said the colonel, who was the military governor of Kaduna state in the 1980s.

'It is seen as a tool of colonialism." he said. "The kind of people they had had no choice but to serve the interests of the British. Some people argue that the military is a continuation of colonial

"But, the Nigerian military after in-dependence is totally different from what it had been in colonial times."

After ruling the most populous African nation for many years, the Nigerian military is going through a collective bad stretch these days.

Abroad, its soldiers in a West African force were embarrassed in Sierra Leone when, under their watch, the capital, Freetown, almost fell to rebels in January. At home, a presidential election is scheduled for Feb. 27, as a step toward a handover to a civilian government in

May.

Many Nigerians believe that powerful generals, who are playing a big role in the election, will retain their influence over the next government and that a truly civilian government will emerge only in four or five years.

But the possibility of losing official political power — amid a growing pub-lic outcry that any civilian candidate is better than a military one - has unsettled many old soldiers in Kaduna.

This city is the seat of the military, which has ruled Nigeria for all but 10 years since independence from Britain in 1960. Frederick Lugard, the British governor general who cobbled various territories together to create Nigeria in 1914, founded Kaduna and made it the seat of power of the north.

Today, more than three decades after the Nigerian military academy was created here, Kaduna also has become something of a retirement community for senior officers.

In the 1970s, the governor of Kaduna state started giving out free lots of land in the city to senior officers. Once they began building houses on the lots in recent years, they saw they were all Inside one of the gated houses, Yohanna Madaki, a retired colonel and a former military governor in eastern Nigeria, was fuming.

"I am not going to stand by and see anyone exclude me from my country,"

'It is most unfair and most painful to have the people lump us and say that we are incompetent because we are the military," Colonel Madaki said. "It is painful."

It is perhaps at the Kaduna Polo Clothat the military finds its social and spiritual center.

The British introduced polo in 1904 in Lagos, the country's commercial capital in the south. But it was in the north, in the horse-riding cultures of the military and the emirs, that polo's popularity spread quickly; today, most of the 11 polo clubs in the country are dotted across the north. Until the late 1970s, when economic hard times strained the military's budget, polo was even mandatory at the national academy, Colonel Umar said.

Over the years, though, the Kaduna Polo Club has become a magnet not only for the military but also for power-ful businessmen and politicians. Not joining could prove costly. Consider Abdulkadir Balarabe Musa, n Marxist who during a brief period of

political openness in the late 1970s war elected governor of Kaduna. Soon after taking office, Mr. Musa received a written invitation, along with a mallet, to join the club.

He threw away the invitation and gave the mallet to a servant "I don't play polo," Mr. Musa said

recently. ''It is the game of the rich and powerful, of neocolonialists.' In 1981, after all his choices for commissioners were rejected by the legislature, Mr. Musa was ousted from

office. But he had on regrets.
"A neocolonialist," he said, "is a person who is a shadow, a caricature, a zombie. He does something and doesn't know the meaning of it."

On a recent Sunday, no such talk could be heard in the bar of the Kaduna Polo Chub. Instead, between one of the three matches, Ibrahim Abdullahi, a retired major and the secretary of the Nigeria Polo Association, waxed on about the different breeds of ponies. "This is a pure Sudanese," he told a

visitor, "and the landing cost is now about \$15,000." Professional players, businessmen and the sons of sultans dominated the

three matches. Colonel Umar, still recovering from malaria, sat in the front row in the viewing stands, with a couple of fellow retired officers.

On this day, the officers did not play. But after each match, all the players filed past them and, in northern Nigeria's traditional gesture of respect, bowed their heads and raised clenched fists before them.

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U.S. Airline Brings Fare War to East

By Laurence Zuckerman New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Since discount airlines like People Express collapsed more than a decade ago, airfares on the East Coast have remained stubbornly high even as prices have fallen else-where in the United States.

But new fare-cutting competition has begun to arrive in the East, led by Southwest Airlines, the biggest and most suc-cessful discount airline. Next month, Southwest will take on the most lucrative market in the nation when it comes to travel dollars: New York. Beinning with flights to four cities from MacArthur Airport in Long Island, Southwest will offer fares that are as little as half of the lowest comparable

While some question whether Southwest can draw passengers to an airport 40 miles (60 kilometers) outside Manhattan, the airline's track record so far on the East Coast suggests that New York air travelers — no matter which airport they use — can expect some fares to fall sharply.

In the last five years, Southwest has expanded to Baltimore; Providence, Rhode Island; Manchester, New Hampshire, and several cities in Florida. At each airport, airfares have fallen

sharply — even on routes ont served by Sonthwest. Fares have also fallen at nearby airports.

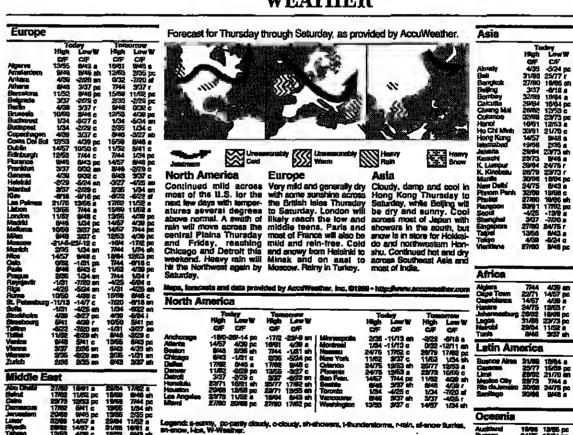
US Airways, the largest airline in the region, and Delta Air Lines have responded to the challenge by expanding their new discount subsidiaries, which match Southwest's fares. The airlines bave also sought to ward off Southwest by offering discounts in several markets has yet to enter. Even the nation's biggest airline, United, is considering expanding its own low-cost subsidiary to the East Coast.

The airlines are eager to battle in the East because the region accounts for about 40 percent of the \$52 billion spent on airline tickets annually in the United

In Washington, where Southwest began its Eastern push at Baltimore-Washington International Airport in 1993, the average airfares paid on all airlines were 34 percent less at the end of Inna then they were before Southwest of June than they were before Southwest started flying, according to Back As-sociates, an aviation research firm in New Haven, Connecticut.

New York in particular is ripe for low-fare competition. With the exception of when People Express was flying, airfares ou short routes always have been higher than the national average at the city's three airports since the airline industry was deregulated in 1978. But in recent years, as Southwest and other low-fare carriers have expanded in many parts of the country, the gap has widened.

WEATHER



TRAVEL UPDATE

Heavy Snowfall Snarls Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Heavy snow led to traffic accidents and disrupted air and rail travel Wednesday in central and western

At least 106 bullet trains linking Tokyo and western Japan were delayed for up to an bour, inconveniencing 85,000 passengers. In addition, local trains in cities along the Sea of

Japan were canceled or delayed.

Sections of eight major highways in central and western
Japan were closed because of poor visibility and snowfall. The snow left 10,000 travelers stranded after 106 domestic flights were canceled, the Japan Broadcasting Corp. reported. The airport in Hiroshima was closed temporarily because of the storm, forcing a flight from Singapore to divert to Fukuoka airport on Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu, said Yasushi Takeda, an official at the airport in Hiroshima.

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Antibiotics May Reduce Risk of a Heart Attack

NEW YORK -- Certain

antibiotics may reduce the risk of heart attack, researchers reported Wednesday in a study that adds to a growing body of evidence suggesting that chronic infections may play a role in artery disease, heart attacks and strokes.

But researchers said it was premature to recommend that nos infections but can also people take antibiotics to prevent heart attacks because infections had not been proved is related to other chlamydial to cause heart disease. And bacteria that infect the eyes the overuse of antibiotics has already helped to create dan-gerous strains of drug-resistant bacteria that are exceed-

ingly hard to kill. The latest finding comes ation, stressed that while the from researchers at Boston study showed that the drugs University Medical Center, who compared the medical records of 3,315 people who had suffered heart attacks and 13,139 who had not. Those with healthy hearts were more likely to have taken certain antibiotics: tetracycline, which lowered the risk of heart attack by 30 percent, or quinolones (Ciprofloxacin, Enoxacin and other drugs), tacks. "
which decreased the risk by he said.

55 percent. Other antibiotics

did not reduce risk.

The drugs that did make a difference were especially effective against the bacterium Chlamydia pneumoniae, a common microbe that infects the respiratory tract and that many other studies have linked to heart disease. It can cause pneumonia, bronchitis and silinger in the body without pro-

ducing any symptoms at all. It

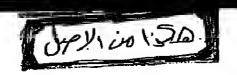
and reproductive system. But the researchers, whose work was published on Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Associwere associated with de creased risk of heart disease, it

did not prove that the drugs caused the lowering of risk. Dr. Herschel Jick of medicine at Boston University Medical Center in Lexington Massachusetts, and leader of the study, warned that people should not start taking antibiotics to ward off heart attacks. "It's far from proof,"

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

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Only about half of all people infected with the AIDS virus in the United States are getting treatment, researchers at the RAND .Corporation told reporters at an international AIDS conference in Chicago. (Reuters)

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THE AMERICAS

Role Leaves Senators Struggle With Next Move as Outlook for Live Testimony Dims

By Brian Knowlton tional Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — House prosecutors comileted their private questioning of witnesses Wednesday, but there was no sign of any sensational revelations and senators were searching for a way to register their disapproval of Presrident Bill Clinton's conduct without removing him from office.

The Senate impeachment trial resumes Thursuday, with senators facing decisions on whether to g call any of the three witnesses - Monica Lewissky, the president's friend Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal, a White House aide - for live testimony, and whether to release video-

papes or transcripts of the interviews.

On Wednesday, prosecutors questioned Mr.
Blumenthal for about three hours, presumably about his earlier testimony that Mr. Clinton had sold aides Ms. Lewinsky was a stalker. By day's end, few senators of either party were pushing hard for live witnesse:

The Senate minority leader, Tom Daschle of +South Dakota, made it clear that Democrats supposed calling witnesses. Emerging from a Democratic caucus, he said that the longer the estal continues, "the more it becomes a Reamublican trial." He urged a quick end, Lim Democrats also expressed opposition to any

variation of a Republican plan to formally declare Mr. Clinton guilty of wrongdoing, then proceed to his virtually certain acquittal on the charges of

perjury and obstruction of justice facing him.

Mr. Daschle and other Democrats said that such a "finding of fact" would be unconstitutional. White House spokesmen have said the

Republicans, however, have expressed deep concern that Mr. Clinton will seize on an acquittal vote as exoneration.

Seeking to calm such fears, Joe Lockhart, the esident's spokesman, suggested Wednesday that Mr. Clinton would "continue to take responsibility for the inappropriate nature of his behavior. That will last forever."

On Tuesday, prosecutors interviewed Mr. Jordan While Mr. Jordan reportedly offered no major surprises, he amended his earlier grand jury testimony to indicate that he had worked more closely with Ms. Lewinsky than previously acknowledged, both in helping her find a job and in reviewing a draft affidavit she was to file in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Even Mr. Clinton's political foes now concede that there is no chance the Senate will convict him of the perjury and obstruction of charges he faces, and senators seem loath to do anything that would drag the trial beyond an anticipated conclusion by Feb. 12.

. Several senators have now viewed videotapes of Ms. Lewinsky's deposition. While some said they would like to have her appear in the well of the Senate — Senator Orrin Hatch, republican of Utah, called her "young, vulnerable and credible" - a number of Republicans and nearly every Democrat said that live testimony seemed

pointless.
"I don't think it would be necessary to have
Monica Lewinsky appear before the U.S. senate," said Senator Olympia Snowe, a Maine

Mr. Hatch, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, conceded on NBC, "I doubt there will be the vote to have any live witnesses."

While the lead House prosecutor, Representative Henry Hyde of Illinois, said that live appearances "will be our firm request," there were signs that if the House managers push too hard, it could produce a split among Republicans. There was interest in showing at least parts of

the videotapes to the Senate, however.

As Senator Susan Collins, Republican of Maine, put it, "The public all of a sudden would realize that this is not a sophisticated woman who somehow ensuared the president of the

U.S., but a very vulnerable young woman who was exploited by the president of the U.S." Other senators, from both parties, said the Lewinsky interview showed nothing new. "When I was watching the tape, also reading the transcript with it," said Senator Tom Harkin, a that he had tried to help her find a joh, but that he liberal Democrat from Iowa, "I thought to myself, 'I've been here before.'

Mr. Daschle said that for the sake of fairness, if the Senate voted to air the videotaped depositions, they should be aired in their entirery.

Mr. Lockhart said the videotaped depositions should remain secret, to avoid creating "a frenzy." Instead, he said, transcripts should be The votes on witnesses and on the videotapes

require a simple majority, or 51 of 100 votes. Mr. Blumenthal, in earlier testimony, quoted Mr. Clinton as saying that he had rebuffed Ms. Lewinsky after she "came at me and made a sexual demand on me."

Prosecutors may have hoped, as a Wall Street Journal editorial put it, to use Mr. Blumenthal's testimony to show "the president at his worst— so eager to obstruct justice that he is willing to ruin a young woman who unwisely loved him."

As part of the obstruction of justice charge,

House managers have been trying to show that Mr. Clinton sought to mislead his aides in the expectation that they would provide a similar account to investigators working for the in-dependent counsel, Kenneth Starr.

Mr. Jordan told reporters only days after Ms. that he had tried to help her find a joh, but that he was doing no more for her than he had done for countless other young people. On Tuesday, he reportedly conceded having given the project an unusually high priority. For the first time, he acknowledged that he and Ms. Lewinsky had discussed the affidavit she was preparing to file in the Jones suit, in which Ms. Lewinsky denied having had a sexual relationship with Mr. Clinton, the Los Angeles Times reported.

But Mr. Jordan said that they spoke on the telephone, and that she asked him about some of the phrases she was working on, but he added that he did not ever see the affidavit.

Ms. Collins's plan to issue a "finding of fact" that cites Mr. Clinton's alleged misconduct but does not remove him from office, may be voted on as early as Monday.

An influential Democrat, Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, assailed the "findings of fact" idea in a Washington Post op-ed article. The idea, he said, "flies in the face of what the Framers of the Constitution intended."

Mr. Byrd, a constitutional expert, said that "finding" would skirt the Framers' intention to set the impeachment bar high by requiring a simple majority, not the supermajority of twothirds of the Scoate to convict. He called the idea "a legislative mutant,"

'Enough Already!'

percent said it would be easier.

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candidates to win elections in 2000; 28

cooked their goose on this one," said Charlotte, a Republican poll respondent

and retired grocery clerk from Bedford.

Pennsylvania, who, in a follow-up in-

terview, declined to give her last name.

"A lot of these politicians have been in

Congress too long, and I think they have

been trying to hang the president from

In one of the most striking findings,

the Senate's efforts to contain the trial by

calling only three witnesses has done

little to reassure Americans, who seem to view the maner as a painful ordeal they want to be over. Fifty-six percent dis-

approve of the way the Senate is handling the trial, while 37 percent approve.

Only three weeks ago, in a poll by CBS
News, 41 percent disapproved of how the
Senate was handling the trial, while 46
percent registered their approval. Even

among self-identified conservative Republicans in the new poll, nearly a third said they did not approve of how the Senate was conducting the trial.

The latest nationwide telephone poll of 1,058 adults, conducted Saturday

through Monday, was replete with signs that the Republican Party has not re-

covered from its dispiriting perfor-

mance in the November election — and

continues to suffer from how impeach-

ment has been handled on Capitol Hill.

The senators, who are serving as jurors

are viewed as unable to work together in

The Republicans have definitely

POLL:

Big Judgment Stings On-Line **Abortion Foes**

By Sam Howe Verhovek New York Times Service

PORTLAND, Oregon -- In by far the dargest judgment ever imposed on militant abortion opponents, a federal jury has ordered creators of Old West-style wanted" posters and a World Wide Weh site that lists the names of abortion providers to pay more than \$107 million to Planned Parenthood and a group of doctors who contended that the material amounted to deadly threats.

: a. The plaintiffs hailed their victory as a major step in their fight to stop the 3 domestic terrorism" of some abortion foes, whose lists of "baby butchers" on he Web site include the names, home addresses and license-plate numbers of thany abortion doctors and the names of their spouses and children.

list is slain, as three have been, the Web site shows a line drawn through his

At least seven people working at abortion clinics around the United States have been killed in recent years, and there have been more than 250 clinic bombings and incidents of arson. In that alimate, abortion-rights groups say, the site is intended to stir up more violence. But the defendants, who noted that nothing in their materials specifically advocated violence against abortion providers, said the decision trampled on the U.S. Constitution's free-speech pro-

They vowed to appeal, and legal ex-perts say the case may well wind up in the Supreme Court as a major test of the hine between protected speech and unlasyful intimidation.

-The case was brought under federal. cacketeering statutes and the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1994. That legislation makes it illegal to ase "force or threat of force" against anyone seeking or providing an abor-

The plaintiffs said they were using the legal tactics of civil rights groups that had won judgments allowing them th seize the assets and so shut down the operations of Kn Klux Klan organizations.

But several of the 14 defendants —

 individuals and organizations grouped as the American Coalition of Life Activists and Advocates for Life Ministries — said they would not pay the judgment awarded Tuesday.
"I could not in good conscience give

money to an industry that thrives on killing children," one of the defendants, Catherine Ramey, said outside the fed-tral courthouse. That would be like asking Martin Luther King to pay

Away From

The U.S. Postal Service had a \$550 million surplus in

the fiscal year that ended last September, its fourth straight

profitable year. The agency's

annual report said it handled 198 billion pieces of mail in

the year, or approximately 376,712 items a minute - 41

percent of the world's mail.

the post office said. (AP)

The Seattle Times, long a

flourishing afternoon news-

paper, will become a morn-

ing paper and compete head-to-head against the rival Se-aitle Post-Intelligencer. The

shange will take place within two years as part of a re-structured joint operating

agreement between the Sc-

attle Times Co. and the Hearst Corp., which owns the

Post-Intelligencer.

Politics



Catherine Ramey, a defendant, outside the courthouse, where she said she refused to pay damages "to an industry that thrives on killing children."

Holbrooke Reportedly Agrees The Web site is called "The Nuremberg Files." When a doctor on a posted life is claim as those have been the Web

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Richard Holbrooke; too American delegate to the United Nations, has agreed to pay \$5,000 to the Justice Department to settle civil charges that he violated federal lobbying laws in his contacts with the American Embassy in South Korea, according to government officials and friends of Mr. Holbrooke.

Officials said the settlement did not require an admission of wrongdoing by Mr. Holbrooke and should allow his nomination for the UN post to be submitted this month to the Senate for con-

The terms of the settlement, which was reached between Mr. Holbrooke and the Justice Department, are expected to be announced after a final review by senior officials at the department, including Attorney General Janet Reno.

The Justice Department had accused Mr. Holbrooke of violating federal lob-

bying laws when, shortly after resigning from the State Department in 1996, he contacted the embassy in Seoul for help in setting up an appointment with the president of South Korea and other Korean officials. He was in Seoul in his new job as vice chairman of the investment banking firm of Credit Suisse

Federal ethics laws bar officials leaving the government from a variety of contacts with former colleagues.

The nomination still has to be reviewed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and its often unpredictable chairman, Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina. Mr. Helms has promised that he will scrutinize the in-

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vestigation to determine whether pros-ecutors treated Mr. Holbrooke leni-

ently.

Mr. Holbrooke, whose nomination. President Bill Clinton's choice to be the has been stalled for eight months as a the Justice and State Departments, has denied wrongdoing in his contacts with the embassy in Seoul and Ambassador

Gephardt Declining

POLITICAL NOTES

WASHINGTON - Representative Dick Gephardt of Missouri is taking himself out of the running for president to devote himself full-time to recapturing the House for Demo-crats in 2000 with the expectation that he will become speaker.

drawn two strong political conclusions: that Vice President Al Gore had already laid a formidable claim to the Democratic nomination and that House Republicans were vulnerable to a takeover because their impeach-ment of President Bill Clinton was so unpopular with the public.

An associate of Mr. Gephardt's said that he did not have the fire in the belly to run for president, "It's not in his gut," this confident said, adding that Mr. Gephardt was more drawn by the fight for the House.

His departure from the field may also entice at least one other Democrat Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts — into the race. So far, only former Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey has announced his challenge to Mr. Gore for the nomination. Two other senators, Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, have backed off.

Mr. Gephardt began privately

Tuesday of his decision, which he was to formally announce late Wednes-

Friends described Mr. Gephardt as wistful about forgoing a run for pres- the Rose Garden Inbilee."

ident but confident that he was making the right decision because of Democrats' success in the 1998 elec-To Run for President tions, when analysts predicted they could lose more than a dozen seats but instead picked up five. They need a net gain of six seats to regain con-

Clintons' Marriage Friends said that Mr. Gephardt had Is 'Back on Track'

WASHINGTON -- President and Mrs, Clinton are confident "that they've gotten back on track." with still a lot of work to do in their marriage because of his problems, his brother, Roger, said Wednesday.

'As far as I can tell, the family unit is getting stronger every day," Roger Clinton said in an interview on ABC.

The younger brother said he had met with the president on Tuesday. 'He sounds very upbeat, very positive, and he's still as concerned as ever every day with the husiness of the country and of the world."

Quote/Unquote

Senator Olympia Snowe, Republican of Maine, co-leader of a task force on the possibility of using a finding of fact" to criticize President Chaton's behavior without retelling his Democratic colleagues moving him from office: "On the one hand, there's concern about setting a precedent. But there's also concern there'd be jubilation at the White House over an acquittal vote. I call it

a bipartisan matter — and Republicans draw the most hlame for that. Even on issues long considered the province of Republicans like reducing axes and curbing crime, Democrats are viewed at least as qualified as Republicans. While Republicans are still viewed as the party best capable of upholding traditional moral values, Democrats are still considered most

able to tackle issues like Social Security,

education and health care. Given a choice among cutting taxes, paying down the national deht, preserving Social Security and anything else, 64 percent of respondents said they wanted any surplus money to be used for Social Security. Only 12 percent said they would prefer to have taxes cut instead. The poll has a margin of error of

UN Research Yields HIV Protection for Babies

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Tones Service

CHICAGO -- Scientists working for the United Nations have found that a simple, relatively inexpensive drug treatment can significantly reduce mother-to-infant transmission of the

AIDS virus. The results are not as good as those from the standard treatment in Western countries, where prospective mothers infected with the virus receive the drug AZT starting about the 26th week of pregnancy and their babies get it during

their first six weeks of life.

But that drug therapy, which can cost \$1,000 or more, is far too expensive and complicated for the poor countries of the world where HIV, the AIDS virus, is spreading fastest. The new strategy, which requires tak-

ing twice a day one pill that combines two drugs, significantly abbreviates the treatment period. It works about as well whether the women start taking the pills about three weeks before delivery or at the onset of labor, which in many poor

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countries is the first time expectant mothers seek medical assistance.

In either case, the mother and baby take the drugs for only a week after birth. Unlike treatment in developed countries, where mothers typically receive an intravenous infusion of anti-AIDS drugs during labor, the treatment described Monday does not require injections, which may be unsafe in developing countries.

Each pill contains two standard anti-HIV drugs: AZT, or zidovudine, and 3TC, or lamivadine. The women take one pill in the morning and the other in the evening.

Dr. Joseph Saba, a UN official in the AIDS program who reported the findings at a science conference here, expressed hope that the strategy would sharply reduce the number of babies born infected. .



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CEO of an \$11 Billion-a-Year Enterprise: Counterterrorism

By Tim Weiner New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Richard Clarke is the White House terrorism czar. His stock in trade is the stuff of techno-thrillers: biological bombs in the Wall Street subway, chemical clouds of death in the Pentagon parking lot, cyberwar attacks

crippling the nation's computers.
Pale as skim milk, his once-red hair gone white at 48, he works long days and nights in Oliver North's old office at the National Security Council, keeping a profile so low that almost no one outside his top-secret world knows he exists.

As chairman of the government's chief counterterrorism group for the last seven years, he has become what John le Carré calls an 'intellocrat' — a gray baron who seems to command nothing more than his desk, yet waves a wand and sends soldiers, guns, money and spies around the

Mr. Clarke inspires ferocious loyalty from friends and fierce enmity from foes inside the government. He wins praise for getting things done in secret — and criticism for exactly the same. At the National Security Council, where he landed in 1992 after losing his State Department job in a bitter battle over Israel's misuse of security issues. "My name is on the table next to American military technology, he can operate without outside oversight so long as he has President Bill Clinton's confidence.

He has it. The president recently named him the nation's counterterrorism coordinator, a new and powerful post. He has to try to coordinate everything from the Pentagon and its evolving plans to defend the United States against ter-rorists down to local police and fire departments. Despite years of effort to pull it all together, this has never been accomplished.

The mission of protecting Americans from attack, whether by states or rogue groups, is "almost the primary responsibility of the government," Mr. Clarke says.

He is trying to raise the fear of terrorism in the United States to the right level - higher, not too high — as he girds the nation for the possibility of an assault from nerve gas, bacteria and viruses, and for what be calls "an electronic Pearl Harbor."

He has to walk a fine line. "Yon want people to understand the peril without panicking," said Anthony Lake, his boss at the National Security

Council from 1993 to 1996.

Mr. Clarke has a reserved seat when cabinet officers gather at the White House on national

Madeleine Albright and Bill Cohen," the secretaries of state and defense, Mr. Clarke said. His vote carries the weight of those cast by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of central intelligence.

rying to strike at Osama hin Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State Department and the CIA. Now he is belping to steer secret operations aimed at capturing the Saudi exile, who is accused of bombing two U.S. embassies.

Mr. Clarke has also written at least four classified presidential directives on terrorism. They helped expand the government's counterterror-ism cadres into the \$11 hillion-a-year enterprise he now coordinates, stifling some protests at the Justice Department and the Pentagon, which saw

him as a competitor for money and power.

In his office, where a small sign reads "Think Globally/Act Globally," he spoke passionately about the threat of cyberwar, invisible attacks on U.S. computers, a terror so insidious, so arcane he has trouble convincing corporate chieftains and political commissars it is real. But it is out there, somewhere, he says, even if he cannot prove it.

"There is a problem convincing people that there is a threat," he said. "There is disbelief and resistance. Most people don't understand. CEOs of big corporations don't even know what I'm tallong about. They think I'm talking about a 14year-old hacking into their Web sites.

He helped drive the decision to fire cruise missiles at Afghanistan and Sudan in August. Trying to strike at Osama hin Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden, overpowering dissenters at the State December and the strike at Osama him Laden at the strike at t transportation systems. You black out a city, people die. Black out lots of cities, lots of people die. It's as bad as heing attacked by bombs.

"An attack on American cyberspace is an attack on the United States, just as much as a landing on New Jersey," he said. "The notion that we could respond with military force against a cyber-attack has to be accepted."

Why would anyone want to mount such an attack? "To extort us," be said. "To intimidate us. To get us to abandon our foreign policy — 'Abandon Israel or else!' " "Imagine a few years from now: A president

goes forth and orders troops to move. The lights go ont, the phones don't ring, the trains don't move. That's what we mean by an electronic Pearl Harbor.

Enemies and allies alike say Mr. Clarke wins



Richard Clarke, the coordinator of U.S. government efforts to prevent terrorism.

battles by working longer hours and twisting more arms. "I like Dick so much for the same reason that some people have not liked him: He has a passinn for getting things done," said Mr. Lake. "That can be abrasive."

Arabs in Gulf Wary of Bid to **Oust Saddam**

DUBAI — A U.S. campaign to over-throw President Saddam Hussein in Iraq has encountered opposition in neighboring Gulf nations, analysts said here

Arab leaders are skeptical about the plan, the analysts said, which some of the leaders fear would he a dangerous precedent and pose hazards to the entire

A senior U.S. diplomatic official who toured five nations seeking support for a \$97 million campaign aimed at overthrowing the Iraqi leader said there was 'a consensus about the continuing danger that Saddam Hussein poses to

Iraq's neighbors and to its people." Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk also noted after his talks with leaders of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Oatar and the United Arah Emirates they argued strongly that change needed to come from within Iraq.
"We agree with that," he added.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Maktum, defense minister of the United Arab Emirates, expressed strong reservations, the official news agency said. The defense minister feared that any political change in Iraq imposed from outside could lead to rifts and civil war, the agency said.

In Oman, a government statement said Sultan Qaboos bin Said stressed to Mr. Indyk the principle of noninterference in the internal affairs of other counseling the statement of the principle of the counseling the provided statement of the principle of the counseling that any political change in Iraq imposed from the capturing a pilot.

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value, providing a potential boon for the world's malnourished people.

olution, and any revolution is painful," said Karen Marshall, a spokeswoman for

Monsanto in St. Louis, Missouri, "But

A visit to Monsanto's 210-acre (85-

hectare) biotechnology complex, 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of St. Louis,

offers ample evidence of how difficult

and expensive it is to develop new and

It is the largest hiotechnology re-search center in the world, with 250

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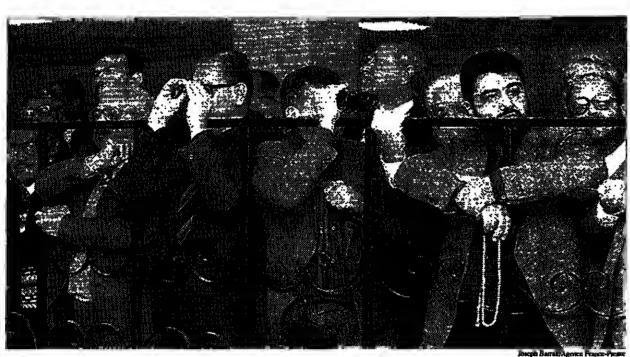
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Despite years of war, threats of more war, UN sanctions and strong government controls over the economy, Iraqi investors gather three days a week at the Baghdad bourse to watch the big board and look for deals.

IRAQ: U.S. Widens Its Target List as Jets Face Growing Challenge

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geted the aircraft.

Qatar, too, had reservations about the carrier Carl Vinson—two F-14s and two stroying balf.

Officials at the Pentagon said Iraq bad was described as a Soviet-made CSSC-3 capable of hitting a ship up to 60 miles cials said they were content to continue

SEEDS: Gene Owner Accuses Farmers of Piracy in Landmark Case

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ude their own insecticide. Here, too,

researchers gave crops a gene that allows

them to survive Monsanto's, flagship

weed killer, Roundup, which normally

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According to the Pentagon, the Carl Vinson's jets attacked the site with four precision-guided bombs. One official said the bombs appeared to strike their target because they were followed by secondary blasts, presumably from mu-

During the raids in December, U.S. ger, disclosed that Mr. Clinton had given and British forces attacked 100 targets The statement also spoke of continuous efforts to belp ease economic sanctions against Iraq to alleviate the sufstroyed the vast majority of their targets. The jets had less luck with the 34 In the Tuesday strike, four jets from the air-defense targets they attacked, de-

> Since then, the U.S. strikes had been limited to missile batteries, radar facilities and other parts of Iraq's air defenses. The officials said they would not rule out striking other facilities, but for now they do not plan a broader air campaign.

Administration and Pentagon offi-

pursued and rarely enforced. And seed

saving and trading were commonplace.

That began to change in the 1980s

encouraged federal agencies to cooper-

ate more closely with the private sector.

In agriculture, that meant private seed

companies could profit handsomely by

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Today, a handful of American and

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"They've been very well received."

retaliating as long as Iraq continoed to "They put them on launchers and put challenge the American and British patrols. Appearing before the House's Armed Services Committee, Mr. Cohen said that each time Iraqi forces threatened the pilots, "They're going to pay a penalty for it."

In the last few days, Iraq has withdrawn some of its surface-to-air missiles
— including Soviet-made SA-2s and
SA-3s — from the no-flight zones in — including Soviet-made SA-2s and janitorial services at the Tokyo Met-SA-3s — from the no-flight zones in ropolitan Shinagawa Technical College, what officials described as an apparent a vocational school financed by the city attempt by the Iraqi military to protect its government. most potent weaponry from attacks.

including more F-16s and EA-6Bs armed with radar-seeking missiles. There are now roughly 200 American aircraft patrolling the southern no-flight zone from the Carl Vinson and from bases in Knwait and Saudi Arabia, and another 40 or so are patrolling the northern zone from Incirlik, Turkey.

Britain has roughly two dozen jets patrolling the two zones.

So far, neither the United States nor Britain has lost any pilots or aircraft. Their tactics are designed, in part, to limit that possibility, by attacking with long-range missiles and steering clear of attempts by Iraqis to lure jets into what U.S. officials call missile "traps."

There are military and political risks in this newly aggressive strategy. Last week, at least one American missile when Congress adopted legislation that missed its target and struck a residential area in southern Iraq, the Pentagon acknowledged. Iraq said 11 civilians were

killed. Turkey, one of the closest U.S. allies in the region, has signaled some uneasiness over the continuing strikes. Dea major portion of the world's certified food seed snpply. Monsanto is the king of them all.

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JAPAN: Job Losses Tear Into Self-Image

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his privacy and seeking to capitalize on his woes. Job-seekers at another branch merely turned their faces away the instant they saw a camera.

"Japanese people are ashamed to be unemployed," said Masahide Naito, who is in charge of helping those over age 45 at the Iidabashi branch of Hello Work. "It's an embarrassment, something that you hide."

The Japanese employment system, heavy on lifetime loyalty guaranteed by seniority-based pay, has been crumbling since 1993, when many corporate titans started campaigns to trim their work

But that erosion moved at the pace of molasses compared with what happened last year, when the unemployment rate jumped an alarming seven-tenths of a percentage point to an average 4.1 percent. The rate was 4.3 percent io December, one-tenth of a point down from the record high in November. Compounding secret. the problem, companies struggling to avoid layoffs cut wages, which fell at an annual rate of 6.8 percent in December, the worst decline on record.

These statistics have rocked the psyche of a nation that has previously regarded itself as hlessedly immune from the economic afflictions suffered by other developed countries.

"I had been bearing about such things on television, but now I'm bearing these stories directly from my classmates, and I'm hearing not just from one but from many," said Hisako Aoyama, one of three women in a class of 28 studying

It is a deeply unsettling experience for In recent weeks, the United States has most Japanese, particularly the men over avoved more aircraft into the region, 45 who are being forced en masse out of companies they joined as college gradnates. Their high salaries and looming lump-sum retirement payments provide an obvious target for corporate cost-ent-

"At 51, I'm at a time of change in my life," said Shigeru Kikuya, a classmate of Mrs. Aoyama, who lost his job as a procurement officer in a factory last March. "The only thing I can do is persevere and hope I can turn my life

around. But the prospects of landing a job for most men his age are slim at best, ac-cording to officials at Hello Work.

After Mr. Akimoto, the former Shoshiba manager, finally told his wife of his plight, she urged him to seek belp from the Tokyo Managers' Union, a group set up four years ago to represent middle managers who are not union

A lifetime employee of Shoshiba whose salary had increased in lockstep with his seniority, Mr. Akimoto had expected to work at the company until he retired at age 60. But with Nissan fight-

The only jobs he has found so far are as a driver or as the man who waves a light baton at construction sites to direct traffic. He would earn less than 200,000 yea a month after tax, or about \$1,770 at current exchange rates. That is less than the unemployment benefits he receives, but those will run out in late March unless he enrolls in a job training

"Right now, rather than immediately taking a job as a driver, I would like to

continue to look for a while," Mr. Akimoto said. "But there is no question that my income will be less than half what I was earning.

Fearful of the social costs that may accompany frustration of the sort Mi Akimoto is experiencing, the government goes to great lengths to try to keep unemployment figures from rising, providing generous public subsidies to companies to keep workers on their pay-

"There is so-called invisible unemployment in corporations today that may become visible in the future, in which case the rate will become much higher than it is now," warned Akira Amari, the labor minister, at a recent press gath-

Mr. Amari refused to make any estimates of what the real level would be. "These kinds of figures can drive up the insecurity of the Japanese consumer, so, excuse me, I cannot say what the figures are," he said. "It's my corporate

Although the government has spent upward of \$800 billion to stimulate economic activity, the unemployment rates. has climbed steadily.

"Just after the measures are implemented, the number of jobs that comes open increases a little," said Kazunki Mishima, an official at the Iidabashi Hello Work office, "But the effect doesn't last long, the measures don't really have that much impact."

BRIEFLY

7 Girls in Algeria Are Reported Freed

ALGIERS - Security forces killed 40 armed Muslim extremists and arrested five and freed seven kidnapped girls in a 10-day sweep in eastern Algeria, the daily El Acil reported Wed-

The helicopter-supported army operation, backed by police and village selfdefense groups, also resulted in the seizure of 17 bome-made mortars and the destruction of several arms caches. the newspaper said. The security forces suffered no casualties, it added. (AFP)

Foes Reported to Sign Guinea-Bissau Pact

DAKAR, Senegal - Leaders of the warring sides in Guinea-Bissau signed a cease-fire accord Wednesday, paving the way for hundreds of regional in-tervention troops to deploy in the small

west African state, sources there said.
The rebels' leader, the sacked army chief General Ansumane Mane, and the head of state, President Joao Bernardo Vieira, signed the accord presented by a visiting ministerial delegation from Togo, the sources said.

Hard-Liner Seeks Mexico Presidency

MEXICO CITY - Manuel Bartlett Diaz, one of Mexico's most controversial politicians and a leading hard-liner in the governing party, has started a campaign to win the party's presidential nomination for the election next year.

Until now, the party's unwritten rules allowed the sitting president to pick his successor, a practice that President Emesto Zedillo has promised to scrap. Mr. Bartlett was governor of Puebla state all until his term ended Monday. (Reuters)

Clinton Will Meet 2 Latin Presidents

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton will meet Friday with Presidents Alberto Fujimori of Peru and Jamil Mahuad of Ecuador to support a peace agreement the two nations signed in

The two presidents will be in Washington seeking global aid for a 10-year development plan for their Andean border, which was most recently the scene of fighting in 1995.

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Yasser Arafat affirmed Wednesday his intention of carrying out the stalled West Bank peace accords with Israel. The Palestinian leader spoke after talks in Washington with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

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Women Sing Out for More Men on the Campus

At the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, a campus where 6 of every 10 students are female, a singing group has had to advertise for male voices, posting signs that declare, "Real Men

In colleges across the country, a dearth of male students is becoming ever more apparent. This year, women are expected to earn 57 percent of all bachelor's degrees, up from 43 percent in 1970 | families being split and sold at market. and 24 percent in 1950. By 2008, the government projects, women will ontnumber men in undergraduate and graduate programs by 9.2 million to 6.9 million, according to U.S. News & World Report. What is behind the trend?

A booming economy, to begin with. Male high-school graduates, much more than females, have been succumbing to \$30,000 starting salaries in fields like air-conditioner maintenance and Internet Web design. Meanwhile, females may reach their senior year of high counseling. school with better grades and a clearer sense of the future.

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one-time use only - and to go after lion-acre U.S. soybean harvest is ex-

As historians learn more about the history of slavery, the new knowledge is being incorporated in museums, exhibits and tourist

attractions to form a more complete picture.

At Monticello, the Virginia home of President Thomas Jefferson, recent evidence that Jefferson fathered at least one son by a slave, Sally Hemings, is attracting an increasing number of black visitors. The role of slaves there is being described more fully. "There were six white people on the plantation and 200 African slaves," said James Horton, a member of the Monticello advisory board. "You can't tell me those six whites affected the hundreds of slaves and weren't affected themselves by the slaves."

In recent years, officials at Colonial Williamsburg, in Virginia, have hired actors to reenact slave auctions, complete with black

For Boston city employees who feel blue, help is a phone call away. The city has installed a "mood meter," an automated phone system that screens for depression. Callers listen to recorded descriptions of how they feel ("I get tired for no reason") and are asked how often they feel that way. Callers punch the corresponding digits, then hear a recorded diagnosis that urges severe cases to get 41 percent, with 60 of 147 seats.

What is not clear is how this helps with the stress that can come

from dealing with telephone recordings.

In Aberdeen, South Dakota, a would-be robber was foiled by his own cologne. Jerold Nissen of Aberdeen wore a Halloween mask as he entered the town's casino Nov. 4 with a loaded gun. When be announced the robbery, a casino clerk recognized his cologne ("Vegas Nights") as that of a regular patron and addressed Mr. Nissen by name. His joke, she told him, was not funny.

So he put the gun away, took off his mask and sat down to play at lottery machine. There it would have ended had casino officials not noticed the next day that the phone lines had been cut. A search of Mr. Nissen's truck turned up the mask, a gun and wire clippers. Mr. Nissen has been sentenced to seven years in prison.

The surest sign that women have arrived as power brokers in the Washington state Senate, some say with a chuckle, came when they took over the biggest bathroom off the Senate chamber. If bathroom

control is the barometer of power, bathrooms in some other states could be changing hands. The Washington women's power play was made possible by their 2-to-1 majority in the Democratic caucus. Overall, Washington state has the country's highest percentage of female legislators -

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Russia Urges U.S. to Help Fix Computers for 2000

MOSCOW - Russia conceded Wednesday that it needed up to \$3 billion to correct the Year 2000 computer elitch — six times its original estimate and it appealed to the United States to help fix Russian computers controlling nuclear weapons.

Overwhelmed with obligations to ensioners and foreign creditors, Ruspensioners and foreign creditors, Rus-ia's government has long played down the cost and urgency of confronting the co-called millennium bng, which could estabilize computer systems that contiol its nuclear arsenal, the world's econd largest.

The cost is staggering in a country so short of money that its draft budget for this year foresees just \$21 billion in

government revenues.
-"On Tuesday, the United States warned that Europe could face a natural gas shortage if its largest supplier, the Russia giant enterprise Gazprom, failed to eliminate the computer millenium Bug in its system.

George Tenet, the director of Central Intelligence, in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, warned that the Y2K bog could interrupt energy flows "in certain countries."

He cited Europe as a potential victim of the millenium bng because it receives more than one-third" of its natural gas from Russia.

Last year, officials estimated Russia would need \$500 million to make certain that older computers did not interpret the "00" appearing at midnight next Dec. 31 as 1900 rather than the new millenium of 2000.

But the old sum was announced before a thorough review of the problem, said Alexander Krupnov, chairman of the Central Telecommunications Com-

After the first extensive study of government agencies facing potential com-puter failures — those that control military facilities, oil pipelines and airports
— Mr. Krupnov raised the estimate to \$2 billion or \$3 billion.

the changeover, Mr. Krupnov said each agency was responsible for finding funds to solve the problem. "Now they're seeking their own sources of

financing, "he said.

He made no suggestions where the cash might come from, but be did appeal to NATO and the U.S. Defense Department to consult with Moscow on the

In his testimony Tuesday, Mr. Tenet

made these other points:

"There is no doubt that China has the potential to affect our security pos-ture in Asia, but the extent to which its ambitions and growing capabilioes represent a challenge or threat to U.S. interests is still an open question."

"China is increasing the size and survivability of its retaliatory ouclear missile force, even though it is unlikely to make the resource commitment needed to approach the force levels of either the United States or Russia."

"China is also developing and ac-

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And with just 330 days to go before quiring air and naval systems intended to deter the United States from involvement in a Taiwan Strait crisis and to extend China's fighting capability be-yond its coastline."

"In nearly all respects, the situation here bas become more volatile and unpredictable."

'Fresb signs of social decay have increased our concern about stability in North Korea. Crime and indiscipline are commonplace even in the military and security services."

"North Korea remains a serious military threat, despite dire economie conditions.... Pyongyang continues to de-vote considerable resources to its mainline military, which can still initiate a full-scale war on the peninsula and infliet massive damage on South Korea and the 37,000 American troops deployed there."

"India and Pakistan continue to have fragile governments committed to potentially destabilizing nuclear and missile programs. Both India and



George Tenet, director of central intelligence, sees Year 2000 risks.

Pakistan continue to resist curbing programs to escape economic sanctions. Further tests are a distinct possibility and testing of advanced new missiles seems a certaioty." (AP, AFP, Reuters)

France Seeks Changes in EU's Plan to **Add Members**

By Barry James

BRUSSELS - France threatened the European Union's enlargement plan

ernment would insist on a supplementary clause and insist on reforms in the EU's institutional structure before com-

The French shift followed German warnings that no date could be set for enlargement until the EU achieved a radical reform of its budget, to which Germany is a large net contributor.

The budget reform, which also requires sweeping changes in the EU's agricultural and structural funding policies, will be the subject of summit meetings in Bonn this month, Berlin

next month and Cologne in June. A joint parliamentary assembly in Versailles last month amended the

France, Belgium, Greece and Portugal requires unanimity.

in the composition of the European Commission, the EU's executive body. and a different weighting of votes in the

the wish by the government and many deputies to affirm the need for an institutional reform in the EU before its planned enlargement," the spokesman

and Belgium also have called for institutional changes before the EU could

expand, be said. France's posicion reflects the widely held view in the EU that institutions that were created for six original members in the 1950s are ill-suited

many as 26 countries. The EU has begun enlargement negotiations with Poland, Estonia, the Cyprus. Five other countries — Slov-

later stage. The Amsterdam Treaty links the en-

European Commission to give one up.

For Kosovo, U.S. Considers "Relatively Small' Force

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen told Congress on Wednesday that the administration 'might commit a 'relatively small" U.S. ground force to Kosovo, but only if a firm peace agreement is reached between warring factions.

Other NATO members should make

up the majority of such a force, he

Pressed by senators on the likely size of the U.S. contingent, General Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, snggested that a maximum of 2,000 to 4,000 U.S. troops might be required if NATO decided on an overall force of 20,000.

But, he told the Senate Armed Services Committee, those oumbers were hypothetical

The numbers are still being worked," be said. "The numbers that we would be asked to give would depend on what the final oumbers are."

BRIEFLY

Poland's Appeal: End Roadblocks

WARSAW - The government appealed to striking farmers Wednesday to dismantle roadblocks as talks over ways to improve the farmers' plight stalled.

Negotiating for the government, Labor Minister Longin Komolowski asked that farmers remove the blockades as a condition for resuming talks that began Tuesday but were called off that evening. Warsaw had boped that by open-

ing talks it could persuade farmers to lift the blockades, but the police reported 20 barriers on major roads and about 60 on local ones. But traffic generally was moving well, with detours having been organized. The protest began Jan. 25 after calls for higher produce prices and for farm debts to be erased. (AP)

Cyprus to Press For Peacekeepers

BRUSSELS - The government of Cypros will lanneb a diplomatic drive for an international force to be deployed on the divided island. Foreign Minister Yannakis Cas-soulides said here Wednesday.

He said the deployment of such a force, possibly organized by NATO, would allow the island to be demilitarized and could take place "even before we have found a political settlement.'

Mr. Cassoulides said the pro-posed peacekeeping force would require a UN Security Council mandate and could only go ahead with the agreement of Turkey, which has occupied northern Cyprus since 1974.

Once the force was deployed, both Turkey, which has an esti-mated 35,000 soldiers stationed in the north, and Greece, which has a smaller contingent in the south. would be expected to withdraw their troops, he said.

French Ex-Minister Accused in Death

PARIS - A week before three former ministers go on trial for their roles in an AIDS-tainted blood scandal, the parents of a young women who died of the disease have filed a complaint against a fourth former official, judicial sonrces said Wednesday.

The complaint, also brought by an association representing victims of tainted blood transfusions, charges a former health minister, Claude Evin, with not assisting a person in danger, concealing crimes and bindering the judicial process, the sources said on con-

dition of anonymity.

Those ser to stand trial for involuntary homicide are a former prime minister, Laurent Fabius; a former health minister, Edmond Herve, and a former social affairs minister, Georgina Dufoix. (AP) Still, General Shelton told the panel he had "oo doubt" that the United States would be asked to contribute such

Ethnic Albanian rebels in Kosovo have agreed to participate in peace talks demanded by the United States and its NATO allies as pressure increased on the hard-line government in Belgrade to join the talks. NATO has threatened air strikes if Serbia and the rebels are not negotiating by Saturday and closing a peace deal by Feb. 19 under talks organized by the United States and five European powers.

"There would have to be a real agreement, not something that is illusory, oot something that has the appearance of being an agreement, but would allow our people - should we bave people on the ground - to be caught in the crossfire between the warring and ethnic factions," Mr. Cohen testified.

His testimony came a day after George Tenet, the director of central intelligence, told the same panel that NATO troops would be needed to prevent wider warfare between rival factions in Kosovo even if a peace agreement was reached.

"I cannot and would not support any notion of NATO trying to make an intrusive invasion into Kosovo to establish a peace or to make a peace," Mr. neofice said. "That would be unwise in my judgment."

Mr. Cohen told the panel that he could support sending U.S. troops to Kosovo only if an agreement providing for a cease-fire of from three to five years was put in place.

He promised to consult with Congress before committing U.S. troops. "We can't really size the force until we've got an agreement," be said. 'We're not there yet."

Mr. Cohen added that the Pentagoo was coming to Congress to discuss the issue while it was still in the planning stage. "That's the reason wby we're starting this process now," be said.

■ West Steps Up the Pressure

Western powers stepped np diplomatic and military pressure on Yugoslavia on Wednesday to attend the peace talks in France, Renters reported

from Pristina, Serbia. Separatist guerrillas of the Kosovo Liberation Army said Tuesday that they would attend. But President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia has held back. The Serbian Parliament is expected to vote Thursday on whether to send delegates to Paris.

The European Union's envoy to Kosovo, Wolfgang Petritsch, urged the Yngoslav and Serbian governments in Belgrade to come to the talks, which have been called by the six-nation Contact Group of major powers that handles Balkan diplomacy.

The U.S. envoy Chris Hill was also due in Beigrade and was expected to meet late Wednesday with President Milan Milntinovic of Serbia, another diplomat said.

GERMANY: Far Right Sees an Opening in Debate on Citizenship Continued from Page 1 chairman of the Christian Democrats,

Wolfgang Schaeuble, and Edmund Stoiber, the chairman of its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, Mr. Schlierer noted "with satisfaction" that their petioon embraced Republikaner positions on "foreigner policy." Mr. Schlierer invited the Christian

immigration issues as a "logical con-sequence of the petidoo drive." A spokesman for the Christian Demo-

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crats in Bonn rejected the appeal. But the letter from Mr. Schlierer is only the most recent showing of the farright in the affair. Riding on Christian Democratic coattails, the Republikaners launched their own petition drives, often placing their stands near those of the Christian Democrats.

Ignoring the furor, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder vows to press ahead with an overhanl of the 1913 nad onality laws. Under pressure from the Greens, Mr. Schroeder's cabinet drafted plans that would let as many as half of the 7.3 million long-term residents who are not citizens become Germans. A large por-one of those are the 2.1 million resident Turks, many of whom arrived decades ago as "guest workers."

Current laws make ancestry the main determinant of who is German. Germans living abroad get full rights, while children born in Germany to foreigners are denied them, even if they have never ived anywhere else. The new law would lower the barriers to those without German bloodlines, cutting bureaucracy and shortening the minimum time of residence to eight from 15 years before a foreigner could apply for citizenship.

Mr. Schroeder attacked the conservatives for whipping up fears. "This debate is incredible," be said. "Anyone who wants German citizenship will have to swear an oath to the constitution. Criminals will not be naturalized."

The most explosive feature of the

plan allows foreigners to become Germans without renouncing prior nationality. In effect, for the first time, newly naturalized Germans could hold two passports.

RUSSIAN ON TRIAL - Flanked by his lawyers, Alexander Nikitin, center, a former captain in the

Russian Navy, at a news conference Wednesday in Moscow. He is accused of giving information to a

Norwegian environmental group about safety problems of Russian nuclear submarines in the Arctic.

Conservatives argue that this would split allegiances and hinder integration by leaving millions of new Germans with divided loyalties. "It is not a real decision if they can keep their old passort: it is a half decision.

Democratic leader said. Mr. Schaeuble says dual citizenship will spark resentment of those who hold

Mr. Stoiber, who is pushing fot a referendum oo dual citizenship, said the reforms could invite the Turkish-Kurdish conflict to German soil by attracting more foreigners. He estimated that the danger to German security would be greater than that posed by the leftist terrorists in the 1970s and '80s.

The issue divides Germans along generacional lines more than by party affiliation, said Tom Koenigs, leader of the Greens in the state of Hessen and a supporter of dual citizenship.

"It is incomprehensible to younger Germans to think that someone has di-vided loyalties," he said, "Germans today have only a weak attachment to the notion of a nation. Schaeuble is going back to German national roots of the '20s and '30s."

The Christian Democrats are unwilling to say how many signamires they have collected or how many they think need to weaken Mr. Schroeder

But already there are signs that the tactic could backfire. A bener reading of the public mood could come Sunday during state elections in Hessen, where dual citizenship bas become a burning issue. If the conservatives lose, as nearly all polls suggest, Mr. Schaeuble is bound to lose authority in his own

But a spokesman insisted that the petition drive would continue in any case. Peter Struck, Mr. Schroeder's parliamentary leader, said that would only play into the hands of the far-right parties. "They are going to have to ask themselves if they know what sort of spirits they are awakening," he said.

Wednesday by demanding changes in the Amsterdam Treaty that provides the basis for adding as many as 10 countries in Eastern and Central Europe plus Cyprus. A French spokesman said the gov-

pleting the enlargement process.

French Constitution to allow the government to cede sovereignty to the EU under the Amsterdam Treaty, including placing immigration policy in the hands of the Union. The French National Assembly and Senate are scheduled to take up the Amsterdam text next month. Of the EU's 15 members, only

have not yet ratified the treaty, which The spokesman said the French government would call for specific changes

European Council representing member The treaty "does not take account of

Any changes to the treaty would require the assent of all member countries and could mean its resubmission to the parliaments of countries that already have ratified it. The spokesman said France's position was not isolated: Italy

Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and akia, Bulgaria, Romania, Lithuania and Latvia - are awaiting membership at a

largement process to the need for reform of EU institutions, but the French government says the wording is vague and insufficient.

To accommodate the new members, the treaty requires countries that have two representatives on the 20-member

ITALY: EU Says It Should Revise 'Over-Optimistic' Budget Plan

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lower-than-expected growth in 1998 and 1999, Italy risked missing its projected targets for public deficit spending. which should not exceed 3 percent of gross domesoe product onder the criteria laid down by the Maastricht treatv.

Growth in Italy has slowed because of the expiration of a government program to encourage car purchases and as the economic crises in Russia, Asia and Latin America have hurt Italian exports.

At the same time, the commission said it would step up its invesogation into Italy's plans to inject 120 million euros (\$136.1 million) worth of state aid into the auto manufacturer Fiat SpA.

Economic and Financial Committee on Wednesday that the scenario to be presented next week would assume lower growth and interest rates and would forecast a public deficit of no more than 2 percent this year, declining to 1 percent in 2001.

To hit the 2 percent target this year amid prospects of weaker economic growth in 1999 may mean that Italy would "have to take corrective measures," said Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the EU commissioner for monetary

The commission concluded that the macroeconomic assumptions on which

The director general of the Italian Italian forecasts were based 'now seem Treasury, Mario Draghi, told the EU's over-optimistic.' It questioned foreover-optimistic." It questioned fore-casts of economie growth of 2.5 percent in 1999 and 3 percent in the following two years. It said it considered "a scenario of economic recovery is plausible. but that growth is likely to be more

gradual than assumed.' The criteria for belonging to the currency union state that countries should not have a debt-to-GDP ratio higher than 60 percent, but an exception was made for countries that, while exceeding this target, were moving toward it.

All EU members, whether or not they have adopted the euro, are required to submit their three-year budget plans to

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TIMOR: Second Thoughts About Offer

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Minister Ali Alatas of Indonesia said a referendum was "a recipe for civil conflict," adding that there was already "fighting between pro- and anti-independence factions, and we don't want to be stuck with this problem for another

couple of years."
In its announcement last week, the government said that if its proposal of autonomy for East Timor was rejected. it would be prepared to give independence instead Following a well-publicized meeting

with Mr. Alatas in Jakarta on Wednesday, Abilio Aranjo, a former leader of the East Timorese independence movement, Fretilin, backed Indonesia's antonomy plan for his homeland, saying it needed Indonesia. "I agree with the notion that Indonesia doesn't need East Timor, but East Timor needs Indonesia," he said after a

meeting in Jakarta with Mr. Alatas. But Johnson Panjaitan, a lawyer for a iailed East Timor independence leader, Xanana Gusmao, said that the biggest problem in East Timor was the arming of about 20,000 civilians by the military. 'If we want peace in the province, the military must disarm these civilian

militias," he said, "The distribution of

weapons must be stopped." The armed forces commander, General Wiranto, denied Tuesday that the military was arming groups in East Timor. But he acknowledged that the military had set up a paid militia force there to help it maintain security. He added that it was impossible for

rorize people because its activities were supervised by the local military and closely watched by local religious and social leaders. But aid workers said the fact that the East Timorese militiamen were re-cruited in the first place showed they

the militia to abuse its power and ter-

were pro-Indonesian "They bave asked for guns from the military to create civil war," Amandio Araujo, a pro-independence activist in Dili, the East Timor capital, told Reuters. "The decision for possible independence has been engineered by the central government to create civil war. We are anticipating that."

Janet Hunt executive director of the Anstralian Council for Overseas Aid, said civil war was inevitable in East Timor unless quick and strong action was taken to defuse the simation. She said Indonesian troops should immediately be replaced by a UN peacekeeping force.

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An East Timorese boy waiting for some customers in a market in Dili on Wednesday. The territory's capital, like the boy, remained calm.

BRIEFLY

U.S. Asks Pakistan To Help on Terrorist

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - A senior U.S. official held talks with Foreign Minister Sartaj Aziz of Pakistan that were said to have covered Osama bin Laden, the Saudi-born terrorism suspect living as a "guest" of the Taleban militia in Afghanistan.
Mr. Aziz and the U.S. assistant sec-

retary of state for South Asian affairs Karl Inderfurth, were also thought to have discussed Afghani drug producoon and other regional issues. The United States raised the issue of Osama bin Laden and renewed concern over his fresh threats to

Americans, seeking Pakistan support

for his extradioon from Afghanis-tan," an official said. No statement

was issued after the talks. (Reuters) Call for Korea Talks

SEOUL - North Korea on Wednesday proposed high-level political talks with South Korea for the first

time in years. But the North's initiative contained many conditions that Seoul has previously rejected, including repeal of its national security law and an end to joint military exercises with the United States.

Among other things, the security

law makes it a crime to speak or write

favorably about North Korea or have

any unanthorized contact with its cir-There was no immediate South Korean response.

Lahore Summit Run

NEW DELHI - Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee plans to travel on the inaugural run of a cross-border bus service to meet with the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said

Wednesday.
The Indian Express oewspaper quoted Mr. Sharif on Wednesday as saying be would like Mr. Vajpayee to take the bus trip from New Delhi to Lahore. The date of the inaugural trip has oot been set. Test runs were made (Reuters)

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Arithmetic for Kosovo

The United States and its European allies are debating their respective commitments of troops to a possible Kosovo peacekeeping force. It is an interesting question, entailing issues of American leadership and European responsibility. But the most important number is a different one: how many troops and police, if any, Serbia will be permitted to retain in Kosovo.

If this number is high, a NATO force will have to be very large indeed to succeed. But if NATO insists that all Serbian forces must withdraw, then every NATO ally's contribution can

Kosovo is a province of Serbia, which in turn is the biggest chunk of what remains of Yugoslavia. Ninety percent of Kosovo's population is ethnic Albanian, 10 percent ethnic Serhian. Since 1989, the Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic has imposed an apartheid-style repression under which the majority enjoyed few rights. And for the past year, Mr. Milosevic. using Serbian police and Yugoslav troops, has waged a brutal war against the ethnic Albanian population.

NATO finally has decreed that Mr. Milosevie's massacres and other war crimes have to stop. The alliance un-derstands that continued civil war threatens stability throughout the Bal-kans, not to mention NATO's credihility. So the alliance is insisting that ethnie Albanians and Mr. Milosevic's government negotiate a quiek agreement on Kosovo autonomy. NATO peacekeepers would enforce the agreement for three years or so, after which final decisions on Kosovo's status, whether independence or something less, would be made.

gingerly discusses such a force with Congress, it is jockeying with Euro-pean allies on who will bear the largest burden. Military planners believe that a force of 28,000 might do the job, and the British and French are ready to supply about 8,000 troops each. They would like the Americans to deploy about as many. However, the U.S. military is so far talking about a contribution of 2,000.

That would be pitifully few - counterproductively few, in fact. It is fine to urge the Europeans to do more for European peace, and the French and British have said they will deploy troops regardless of U.S. decisions. But U.S. leadership is key. Mr. Milosevic will take more seriously a force with meaningful American participation, and Kosovo Albanians are more likely to believe in such a force and lay down their arms. There is more risk in sending too few troops than in sending too many; the United States should show that it intends to succeed in the mission and protect its soldiers. And if an active U.S. army of a half-million men and women can't find 6,000 troops for this job, Congress should ask

the generals some serious questions. But all of this is academic if President Bill Clinton and his NATO allies do not insist on a Serbian troop with-drawal. As long as Mr. Milosevic's troops are in Kosovo, NATO troops will not be safe and Kosovars will not be able to rehuild their country, nor will they be able to establish the democratic institutions that NATO is demanding. Zero Serhian soldiers - that is the key number for a lasting peace.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Choice in Mexico

Mexico's passage to democracy remains uncertain and incomplete, Opposition parties now hold a majority in Congress as well as the country's second-most-powerful electoral post, the mayoralty of Mexico City. But Mexico's presidency, where political power is overwhelmingly concen-trated, has been controlled without interruption by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, for seven decades. That monopoly could well end in next year's elections.

What should definitely end is the traditional system of letting the incumbent president from the PRI choose the party's nominee to succeed him. There is still time to act before the

general election campaign begins. Eight months ago, President Ernesto Zedillo proposed an American-style primary. But be has done little to bring one about. Party officials indicated that a national party convention would be held last year to set nominating rules, but no nominating rules have yet been set. Mexico's two opposition parties, either of which has a realistic chance of

winning the presidential vote, plan to choose their candidates in nominating conventions this fall.

The main contenders for the PRI uomination are Francisco Labastida. now interior minister and a close political ally of Mr. Zedillo, and two state governors, Manuel Bartlett and Roberto Madrazo. Both governors are from the party's old guard and have resisted democratic change in the past. Still, they and others should have the right to a fair and democratic contest for the nomination.

The victorious generals of the Mexican Revolution organized the PRI in the 1920s to keep control over presidential succession. Through handpicked nominations, unfair campaign rules and occasional electoral fraud, they and their PRI successors proved all too effective.

Recent reforms have made for fairer campaigns and cleaner balloting. The next step should be to introduce fair competition into the PRI's nomination process as well.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Paying Down the Debt

hillion; it made up a seventh of the budget. The president's budget projects that, five years from now, that figure will be down to \$173 hillion if the surplus is used to pay down debt in the ratio be has proposed. There would

be further reductions thereafter. The huge interest savings that will result if the debt is reduced are the sleeper in the current budget ontlook. They are a principal reason why the surplus is projected to last as long as it is; without them, it would much more quickly disappear.

By the same token, they represent a hidden additional cost if, instead of being used to retire debt, the surplus is 'spent" either literally or on a tax cut. The cost of a tax eut, by this measure, is not just the revenue that the govemment would give up but the higher than anticipated interest it would have to pay on larger than anticipated debt. Increased spending comes with a similar shadow cost.

The president incurred such a cost even in his own budget. He proposed using only about three-fourths of the surplus to pay down debt as a way of reserving it to meet future Social Security and Medicare costs.

The remaining fourth be would use in part for a tax cut to create the "universal savings accounts" with which he would supplement Social Security, and in part for increased defense and

terest costs in just the uext five fiscal years would be \$24 hillion higher than otherwise. The cost through the year 2014 would be \$387 billion.

It was in the Reagan years that the deficit soared to the heights from which the government is only now recovering. The debt quadrupled; interest costs doubled as a share of the budget, from about 7 perceut to 15 perceut. A sizable share of the present budget is thus the deferred cost of past indiscipline.

The surplus provides an opportunity to reduce that. The effect would be to strengthen the ability of the government to meet its future obligations. Among other things, having lowered the deht, it could much more easily borrow again if it had to. In the meantime, the increased savings would in theory add to economic growth.

The president would not use all the surplus for this purpose. Nor perhaps should he; the country has other needs. But on balance, in our judgment, his budget pushes in the right direction. Mr. Clinton finessed the cuts that

must still be made in long-term Social Security and Medicare costs. But the broad alternative, which is to "eonsume" in the form of a tax cut what ought to be saved for these and other public purposes, including a sufficient defense, is wrong.

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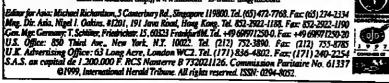
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The Trans-Atlantic Partnership Needs Tending DAVOS, Switzerland — A large number of Americans came to this

year's World Economic Forum in Dagaged from Europe and the rest of the and historic fact.

world than a decade ago.

Business may be globalizing and the world web-weaving, a serious information gap is nonetheless growing, particularly on the American side. The old U.S. Eastern foreign policy estab-lishment has gone, and with it much of the sense that what happens in Europe matters to America. The words of common goals are repeated, but they often cover a remarkable ignorance of and disinterest toward European affairs.

In part this reflects the sheer passage

of time, a dominant generation that does not remember the Great Depression and World War II and its aftermath. In part, it is the shift of at-tention to Asia, first as the mighty miracle of future wealth and now as the threat of spreading crisis. In part, it is the loss of focus on friend versus foe with the end of the Cold War.

The American media have cut back very sharply on foreign news, studies of newspaper and television coverage make clear. And except for a dramatic war situation like Bosnia or Kosovo, ing anything about it.

By Flora Lewis

vos, and they had a wide variety of there is oow little reporting on Europe. backgrounds. With some exceptions, In a few cases, the result showed in they seemed more distant and disen- startling misconceptions of current

For example, Steve Forbes, the wealthy publisher and presidential candidate, spoke of Charlemagne uniting Europe a couple of hundred years ago and warned that Europe would be torn apart like Yugoslavia if it did oot reform its social system and give people more personal control of their money. This was a combination of sheer error and an ideology conservative to a degree no longer conceivable here, which took Europeans' breath away.

Others, well respected in the United States, seemed to think of foreign policy as no more than trade. Many wondered why the Europeans do oot just do things the American way, and felt that there was no further need to know about them.

Americans who are informed and convinced of the abiding importance of the Atlantic link are aware of and deeply concerned about this cultural and political unraveling of ties. 'It's pathetic, just pathetic,' a senior U.S. official said. But nobody suggested doitant conservatives vociferous on the most important partners in dealing with a most important partners in dealing with a coupled, unruly world. pean Union governments led by so-

cialists and social democrats. There are ultra-right-wing parties in Europe, but they are nationalist, not anti-government. Nobody wants to dismantle the welfare state, however much reform may be required.

In the United States, it is not only the right that widens the gap. That old Eastern establishment has come under attack not only from the Midwest and traditional isolationists but also from the left and the "postmodern" intellectuals who reject a special respect for the European origins of Western

It is the value fend between "L Rigoberta Menchu" and Shakespeare. A professor explained that American universities still teach international relations but that there has been a shift of content. The emphasis is likely to be on women's studies, or ou development problems, issues judged to be politically correct. To learn about how Europe is functioning and evolving as it deals with social problems is "ueocolonial" in this view, a regression into the past.

Of course, Europe is still there, even if it has been elicked off some Amer-

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The extraordinary transformation of Europe in the past half-century leaves world leaders to worry about peacekeeping on other continents. With the painful exception of former Yugoslavia and remnants of violence in Northern Ireland — the more painful now because they are seen as impermissible exceptions — Europe is at peace and intends to remain that way.

It is of necessity the successful Eurocean-American coalition that has a chance to maintain peace, promote liv-ing standards and confront the new global agenda of problems facing everyone but beyond the capacity of most to resolve.

But that coalition cannot just be government-to-government tended. There must be sustenance and support from the various communities of civil society, from the centers of learning. from the sheer interest, curiosity and will of people to know about each other and learn from each other's triumphs and tragedies.

The American-European connection is too important to let it just wither from ignorance and inattention.

Puzzle in India: Share Power Soon or Await Elections?

By James Manor

NEW DELHI — A struggle for political power in India is intensifying. The ontcome is likely to determine not just the immediate survival of the Hindu nationalist-led government, but stronger position than now. also the long-term fate of the

opposition Congress Party.

The coalition government led by the Bharatiya Janata Party is in danger of collapse through a parliamentary vote of uo confidence in the next few weeks. Even if it survives in the If Congress takes power in short run, its ineptitude and the squabbling within the coalition make it unlikely to last for more

than a year or so. The Congress Party, the largest force in opposition, is eager to bring the government down, but it faces a painful dilemma. The strategy that best serves its long-term interests could keep the BJP in power for quite some time.

If the BJP government should fall, Congress must choose between taking power soon by forming a new coalition government in the present Par-liament, or going straight into an election for a new Parliament. Most Congress members prefer to take immediate con-trol. That would give them instant access to political spoils that they are eager to command

as soon as possible. feel deepty uncomfortable in sources of political patronage that are the party's lifehlood.

Their leader, Sonia Gandhi, the Italian-born widow of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, disagrees. She sees that if an election is beld after the present government collapses, her party would gain many seats as

NEW YORK — Bubble talk is back. From Dayos.

where Microsoft's Bill Gates

was expressing bewilderment as to why people would pay so

much for Internet stocks, to

Washington, where Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, questioned overall stock prices but said that some Internet companies might be good investments

even at current prices, people

are talking about investment

buhhles that might hurst.
"Bubble" is a pejorative term for an investment whose

price rises and rises and then

collapses. It is widely agreed

that just such a thing happened to Japanese stock and real es-

tate prices in the late 1980s, and

Unfortunately, talking about hubbles is easier than

spotting a real one, and it is

even more difficult to know

economist and author of

"Manias, Panics and Crashes," the definitive aca-

demic study of such things,

thought he saw a bubble in

America's stock market a few

years back. "I agreed with Greenspan in 1996 when he

up 50 percent since then,"

setts Institute of Technology.

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will run over?"

said Mr. Kindleberger, now bought again, at the retired from the Massachu- suffered buge losses.

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Bubble talk now tends to overvalued it is well short of

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Charles Kindleberger, the

when one will burst.

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probably nut give Cougress a regional parties, and a party that majority in the oew Parliament, but it would be in a much two north Indian states. These

Such an outcome would reverse a long-running decline of ferences and ego clashes among the party that many observers their leaders. see as irreversible. Internal factionalism and corruption have weakened Congress so severely that this may be its last chance to turn things around.

the present Parliament, it will limp along at the head of a chaotic coalition. It would have to depend on three very different clusters of smaller parties the Communist left, a set of

three elusters are mutually bostile, because of ideological dif-

If Congress tried to lead a coalition of these parties, it would soon be embarrassed by very public squahhles among them. It would swiftly earn voters' scorn, as the BJP has done in recent months for similar reasons. Before long, the Congress-led coalition would disintegrate. At the ensuing election, the Congress Party would suffer a popular hacklash

like that which currently awaits the BJP. Its chance for revival would have been squandered.

As Mrs. Gandhi rightly sees, the best option for Congress is to seek a fresh election. But that strategy raises a hig problem. Most of the small parties that

might soon withdraw support from the BJP and bring it down want to avoid an early poll. They prefer to join a Congressled ecalition, to retain a grip on power. Their members of Parliament fear that in an early election they might lose their seats. Because they have only held them since early last year, they would not have been in office long enough to qualify for handsome pensions.

Any suggestion from Mrs. Gandhi that she wants an early election makes those parties reluctant to abandon the BJP.

Her best strategy might have been to dissemble — to suggest that she might take power after the BJP falls, even though she intends to go to the polls. But she has lately been sending clear signals that she prefers elections. By doing so, she may have handed the BJP an extension to its political life.

The writer, a fellow of the___ Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. in Brighton, England, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

The New Ally for German Business Is Green

MUNICH — Much to their surprise, some German business leaders have found totally outdated concept of de-common ground with their mand-side economics." environmental degradation then policies must change. erstwhile worst enemy, the Greens, who are enterging as the voice of economic reason in

the center-left government in a

number of areas. This stands in contrast with of the Greens' fiscal sense, simple: Financially weak the mood after the September While the Social Democrats are companies cannot make the nec-After governing India for 44 Social Democrats brought the limited scaling-back carried out ogies to protect the environof the 51 years since inde- Greens into a government copendence, Congress politicians alition. There was grave concern that, once the Greens grabbed a opposition, cut off from the little power, they would push an

anti-capitalist agenda. In fact, the Greens and their pragmatic leader, Foreign Minister Josehka Fischer, are quite fiscally conservative, more so in many ways than the Social Democrats and their finance minister, Oskar Lafoutaine.

a result of a popular backlash acterized Mr. Lafontaine as of deficit spending, the over-against the BIP. That would someone "who is stuck in a consumption of state services or

A Bubble Question Unanswered

By Floyd Norris

arate phenomena. Has the

overall level of American

stock prices got away from

economic reality? Is it pos-

sible that Internet companies

will someday earn enough to justify the lofty peaks that their stocks reached last month?

nonsense. Markets are rational

they say, so bubbles cannot ex-

ist. Even the Dutch tulip bulh

boom now has academics who

argue that it was rational.

That argument, however, does not give sufficient weight to the role of psychology in investing. "There is oothing," Mr. Kindleberger has written.

'so disturbing to one's well-

being and judgment as to see a friend get rich."

excess, those who urge cau-tion are discredited well be-

fore the bubble hursts.

In any period of speculative

In 1720, Sir Isaac Newton

invested in the South Sea Com-

pany, whose dreams of profit-

ing from exploration made it

into a classic bubble. Realizing

that prices had gone crazy, he

sold at a profit, explaining, "I

can calculate the motions of

talked about irrational exuberance, and the stock market is madness of people." But bubble is confined to the In-

prices kept rising, and Newton

Peter Bernstein, an econom-

are in a bubble, but that while

Some dismiss all such talk as

By Martin Hufner

The Greens, for example, op-pose various large subsidies for

industries such as coal mining. Reform of the generous penelections, when the victorious determined to undo the very essary investments in technolhy the previous government, the Greens advocate a firm focus on forced German business to deal generational equity. They do not believe that it is wise to add to the financial burden of today's

and tomorrow's work force. For the Greens, "sustainability" is more than an environmental concept, and relates to financial, economic and social policy as well. They believe that if the level of consumption is not A Green politician has char- sustainable — be it in the form

"A bubble is totally out of

touch with reality, where the greater-fool theory is the dom-

inant driving force, where you are totally confident that somebody will be willing to

pay higher prices no matter what you pay," he said. Nonetheless, said Mr. Bern-

stein, the most remarkable

thing about this period is "the

really broad acceptance of the idea that oothing bad is going to happen to the U.S. economy." He does not remember

people feeling this way even in the late 1960s. The eco-

comic expansion that ended in

1969 lasted almost nine years,

the only one in American his-

tory longer than this one, which began in 1991.

Mr. Greenspan warned last year that America could not

long remain an island of

prosperity, but it has. When he

voices concern about stock

prices, there is little market

reaction, in contrast to 1996.

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But it does not have to be

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when investors flocked to

space technology companies

amid expectations that space

would bring untold riches.

Those stocks collapsed with

the overall market in 1962, but

The New York Times.

astate economies.

stocks recovered.

bought again, at the top. He compared this boom to 1961.

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If there is a bubble, what

The Greens are even sym-pathetic to the idea that cor-

porate taxes Thust be revamped to make German business more sion system is another instance competitive. Their calculation is ment. The Greens' persistence with pollution and other problems before other countries did.

In fact, environmentally sensitive technologies such as oil reclamation are one of the few areas in which German business can claim a dominance comparable to its strong overall position 15 years ago.

In some cases, it is business that has given due consideration to the Greens' way of thinking, rather than vice versa. Take a party proposal to triple Germany's already high gas-oline taxes. Many corporate and financial leaders were aghast

But one cannot escape noticing that, at the very time the idea was floated, Volkswagen introduced its new Lupo car that is designed to run at 78 miles (125 kilometers) per gallon. From a purely economic point of view, by the time that kind of leap forward in efficiency takes a broader hold in the marketplace, even a tripling of gasoline prices would not impose an

additional burden on drivers. As advanced industrialized societies, we need to realize that the antomobile industry can no louger rely on the 'higger and more powerful" slogans of yesteryear. "More intelligent" will do, as we look forward to improved fuel economy and wider use of information technology such as navigation systems. It is true that at times the

Greens' single-mindedness in pursuing their goals has proved highly frustrating to husiness leaders. In retrospect, however, these tough battles yielded a considerable amount of mutual; respect. Even the Greens' more outlandish ideas sometimes make an odd sort of sense.

For example, a while ago, a , ? party leader, worried about the waste of jet fuel, advocated that Germans be allowed to fly to: vacation destinations only once. every five years. While an example of severe overregulation. the idea makes a point. From the standpoint of global com-; petitiveness, Germans do spend: 1
too much time ou vacation.

As long as Mr. Fischer man-en ages to steer his party in the lift right direction, the Greensing anti-establishment thinking! provides a refreshing element.

in German politics. the Greens have had such a good restart in the new government that 1. 8 it has caused Germany's asture is chancellor, Gerhard Schroeders to change his own political strategy. Rather than letting a them occupy the center ground in German politics, he is conoperating with them to put an effective check on the Social; Democrats' left wing, which has so far resisted reforms.

In working more closely with the Greens, Mr. Schroeder may be readying Germany for the changes it needs.

The writer, chief economist of the Munich-based Bay. erische Vereinsbank, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO ...

1899: Kipling's Plea

NEW YORK - An extraordinary sensation has been created by Mr. Rudyard Kipling's new poem, "The White Man's Burden," just published in a New York magazine. It is regarded as the strongest argument yet pohlished in favor of expansion. It reads as follows: Take up the white man's burden/ Send forth the best ye breed/ Go bind your sons to exile/ To serve your captive's need/ To wait in heavy harness/ Ou fluttered folk and wild/ Your new-caught sullen peoples/ Half devil and half child.

1924: Wilson's Death

WASHINGTON — Woodrow Wilson, twenty-eighth President of the United States of America, died this morning [Feb. 3] in his Washington home. Mr. Wilson was sixty-seven years of age. President Coolidge issued a

proclamation extolling his virtues. The President ordered the U.S. Army and Navy to co-opcrate in giving a military burial to the man who served as its Commander-in-Chief during the victorious days of 1917-18.

1949: German Rations

FRANKFURT - United States Allied personnel will be barred 42 from German-managed restaurants and cafés in the American Occupation Zone. They still " may enter German restaurants +1 operated directly by the Allies "I with imported food. The move is intended to prevent Allied ... consumption of rationed German food. It comes at a time " . when German restaurants are opening at a rapid rate under the ' 🐙 📭 impetus of last June's currency reform — and when many Americans are turning to them as an occasional change. The German-managed places frequently offer goose and duck.

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A STAR American part-nership returned from PRANA! Europe this week after crasing an unhappy memory.

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On the diagrammed deal they brought home a four-spade contract that many pairs did not reach. Cohen as North could not open one no-trump, which would have

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West led the spade four.

low heart. to take his king and so give the declarer three heart tricks. On winning the queen, South 4974 East, and West were Valnerable. The bidding:
North East South
1 0 2 Pass

led to the ace and ruffed a The club nine was led, and East took two tricks in the suit and led the heart king. South ruffed and reached the position shown at right. Berkowitz made the elegant play of leading the club four and discarding the dia-

mond four from dummy.

This endplayed East and style, so he began with one double and accepted his part- brought home the game, for a gain of 7 imps. He had thus ner's invitational jump to lost three club tricks but so three spades. South won the opening lead in his hand with the 10, tricks in the red suits, not something one would expect crossed to the spade ace and from a study of the original made a key play by leading a layout.

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OPINION/LETTERS



Job performance is not the only shield Mr. Clinton uses to ward off the deadly blow of removal. He also wields the lawyer's verdustrial societies on the limits of electorate, which chose Mr. Clin- sion of the law: His statements ton's stirring personal narrative and actions seem carefully calculated to have been technically not perjury, and not obstruction

personalities of George Bush and Ross Perot in 1992, would never of justice, by the time his lawyers have taken that chance during the get finished with their arguments. Mafia bosses and errant school-But the Senate trial of William children alike will for years study Jefferson Clinton shows the oband cite this president's mastery vious pitfalls of this era's mediaof getting away with it, while driven politics of personality. Republican moralists gnash their Having lived by the sword of personality, Mr. Clinton now teeth in fury.

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about it are not capital crimes in politics. This reverses the Gary Hart verdict, on appeal from Mr. Clinton.

Far from showing America as unalterably locked in a Puritan ethos, as many Europeans claim, the Clinton-Lewinsky romance and the dominant reactions to its disclosure and investigation by Kenneth Starr are signs of increasing tolerance in the American public moral code.

That code, shaped hy the frontier, has been more rigid, selfrighteous and conformist than The Republicans managed to those of many other developed get on the wrong side of sex in nations. Religion has remained a this case. The American public more public, and more political,

word "peace" and upraised palms to show they carry no weapon, Americans have demanded public affirmation from their politicians and each other of the acceptance of restraints on the very human impulses of aggres-sion, greed and lust.

Part of Mr. Clinton's unintended legacy will be to have changed that ethos in ways that are not yet totally clear. A splitlevel Senate verdict cataloguing Mr. Clinton's failings but not extracting the ultimate penalty should not be cause for despair on either side of the aisle. It will be a sign that Americans are becoming more relaxed, and more realistic, about their politicians and

The Washington Post.

Delaying a Career May Be A Good Choice for Women

By George F. Will

the times are: Human nature is stattling news.

Asserting that there is a human nature has become a radical political act, which feminists stigmatize as reactionary. This troubles Danielle Crittenden not at all.

She is a 35-year-old mother of two. Her new book, "What Our Mothers Didn't Tell Us: Why Happiness Eludes the Modern Woman," is written with verve

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and wit. She says that feminism's androgyny project fails for an intractable reason: It is unnatural. Today's feminism manifests liberalism's utopian streak, its as-piration to rid life of necessity. Feminism's grand dream is to escape the bonds of anatomy and refute the idea that biology is, in any sense, destiny.

Ms. Crimenden sides with the anthropologist Lionel Tiger, who says that if hiology is not destiny, it certainly is "good statistical probability." Ignoring probabil-ity brings punishment. Feminism, having established

that women are human, forgot that they are women, with distinctive desires, the ignoring of which causes unhappiness.

Ms. Crittenden, who must be a glutton for punishment, has immersed herself in women's magazines. She notes that they portray 1990s women as "even more miserable and insecure, more thwarted and obsessed with men, than the most depressed, lithium-popping, suburban reader of the 1950s," The magazines' mood swing since the euphoria of the 1970s reflects, Ms. Crittenden concludes, "the inevitable outcome of certain feminist beliefs."

One belief is that women should seek not just equality, and options outside of the family, but full independence from husbands and families. Another belief is that women should strive to lead lives identical to those men live. A third belief, Ms. Crittenden says, is that traditional divisions of labor between men and women make women "unequal" and sentence them to domestic servitude, beehive bairdos and loss of the vote.

The serpent in the garden of modern life is sex, improperly un-

WASHINGTON — This indicates just how out of joint often begins with sex education which ignores the fact that "men and women, hy the very nature of their hiology, have different, and often opposing, sexual agendas."

Often taught by gym teachers, sex education is stripped of ethical context but crammed with moral messages: "When our health teachers told us to watch our cholesterol, it was because they expected us to eat, and when they warned us to 'use protection,' it was of course because they expected us to have sex." Resultant promiscuity has benefited, and formed, today's "inconstant, im-mature men," who have less sexual incentive for constancy.

Ms. Crittenden's deeply humane book is a plea for women to be less preoccupied about their "identities." Instead, they should "develop an appreciation for the mutual, if differing, contributions we make to marriage as man and woman," and for the different compromises arising from sexual differences, especially compromises involving careers.

Why, Ms. Crittenden wonders, have so many mothers concluded, in America's richest era, they have 'no choice'' but to work? Why has taking care of one's young children come to be considered " perk of the rich, like yachting"?

Women who ignore the wisdom that "we can have it all - hut we cannot have it all at once" comprise a "secret agony society." Those trying to "balance briefcase and baby" are failing to convince themselves that "quality time" is a substitute for lots of time.

This is because of an "explo-sive" fact denied by dogmatic egalitarians; "the most animating aspect of motherhood - that we love our children more than anything else and want to be with them as much as we possibly can.' A typical woman will live 80

years and work 40 of them, but will have young children for perhaps only eight years. So Ms. Crimenden argues against delaying marriage and children. She recommends a progressive and, today, radical act marrying early and promptly hav-ing children. They are 'one's con-nection to eternity' and demon-strate "that we have loved and been loved, and brought into this world life that will outlast us." The Washington Post.

courageously in World War I, imhibing

anti-Semitism. The German military

gave him his second home and recog-

nition, which made the loss of the war all

the more shocking and psychologically

unacceptable. Hitler ching to the military

even during the revolutionary period,

when it was briefly under leftist control.

generally envisioning anti-German con-

spiracies led by Jews, Hitler again dis-tilled ideas and sentiments common in

his environment. Kershaw confirms that

Hitler's anti-Semitism preceded, and

was more fundamental than, his anti-

Marxism: Only later did he identify the

Soviet Union as a major enemy and

target. But he did see war as essential to

human existence and vast expansion as

Munich employed Hitler as a political instructor for the troops in 1919 and

discovered his speaking talent. Military

backers supported his ascent in the Na-

tional Socialist German Workers' Party.

Without assistance from conscrvative

and nationalist Bavarian opponents of

the leftist government in Berlin and of

the Weimar Republic during the early

1920s, Hitler and his party would never

Kershaw handles adeptly the prob-lems of continuity and discontinuity in

Hitler's rise to power. Although drawing upon some existing currents in German political culture, Hitler benefited from

so many accidents and mistakes by polit-

ical rivals that it is hard to see his triumph

as inevitable or even as a direct outcome

the failure of his 1923 putsch was to build

a cult around his own leadership - the

Fuelirer myth — and to exploit the weakness of the Weimar Republic. Kershaw

believes that others created the myth of

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of the course of German history. Hitler's main political strategy after

His conservative military superiors in

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London.

HITLER: 1889-1936

Hubris By Ian Kershaw. 845 pages. \$35. Norton.

Reviewed by Richard Breitman In "Mein Kampf," part autobio-graphy, part political tract, Adolf Hitler created a number of myths about his past. For the rest of his life he sought to hide behind his public persona, and he shunned paperwork. His secrecy did not deter more than a hundred biographers,

but it did make things difficult for them. Ian Kershaw, professor of modern history at the University of Sheffield and an acknowledged authority on Nazi Germany, now offers a mach-needed, readable, up-to-date biography. In the first of what will be two volumes, he ably synthesizes what is known of Hitler's early life, political career and takeover of power in Germany. This is no mean accomplishment, since much of the ter-

rain is uncertain and contested. Kershaw thoroughly discredits the claim that Hitler's paternal grandfather was Jewish and doubts that Hitler ever worried about this possibility. Similarly, Kershaw denies that any early sexual experience or feelings produced Hitler's hatred of Jews

Truly, history might have been very different if Hitler had not been denied admission to the Viennese Academy of Fine Arts. His difficult years in Vienna, a city colored by a heavy climate of political, social and intellectual anti-Semitism, offered the aspiring painter an initial explanation for his frustrated ambition. Sustained by performances of Wagner's operas, he devised nationalist fantasies and hopes of personal grandeur at the expense of all practical considerations. But Kershaw rejects Hitler's own convenient account that his aspirations and intense anti-Semitism were born in Vi-

cona. He was still adrift there. After moving to Munich, Hitler en-

By Alan Truscott

BOOKS listed in the German Army and served

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SHEILA LANMAN

By Jim Hoagland

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is a prevaricating, lecherous burn, but no, he cannot be removed

All politics is personal today.

communism and capitalism, and

with a general consensus in in-

government's ability to establish social justice, there is little se-

rious political debate about ideas

in campaigns or in governance.

Americans are left to select Bill Clinton's one-step waltz of

targeted tax cuts from Column A

or Senator Trent Lott's across-

the-board 10-step fandango from

Column B. Tony Blair fine-times

Margaret Thatcher's economic

Russia's mainstream politi-

revolution in Britain.

The Right to Be Ms.

Regarding "Miss or Ms.? In

As an American woman living

in London, I have frequently en-

countered the problems and frus-

trations highlighted in the article.

I am married and did not take my husband's last name. I use "Ms."

Britain, They're Fighting Words" Features, Jan. 29):

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sex and religion.

modicum of equal rights for women will have been realized when all women are "Ms." just as all men are "Mr. M. JUNE FLANDERS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tel Aviv.

an omnipotent and omniscient leader be

fore Hitler himself turned to it, influ-

Once the Nazi Party gained leverage in Parliament in 1930, Hitler simply

remained intransigent, unwilling to

settle for anything less than the chan-

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vided and myopic conservative rivals

handed it to him at a time when the Nazi

who see an essential continuity between

the fanatical racial anti-Semite of the

early 1920s and the mature politician.

Hitler never changed or attenuated his views; he simply used different tactics.

Kershaw, however, questions the strength of Hitler's leadership. With ir-

regular work habits, Hitler often de-ferred difficult decisions and allowed

his opponents to make mistakes. The

Fuehrer myth accomplished a great deal

for him: His subordinates aspired to-

This model works well until Hitler

became chancellor, on Jan. 30, 1933. It

is less convincing for the period in which he and his subordinates quickly

destroyed the constitution in stages

banned all other political parties and

monopolized most positions of infla-

ence in German society.

Throughout his life, he wanted all or

nothing, a characteristic not likely to

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shaw says, come to believe in his own

infallibility. This first volume might

have ended just as well on Jan. 30, 1933,

when a more decisive Hitler took charge

and began to lead Germany and then

Richard Breitman, author of "Offi-

cial Secrets: What the Nazis Planned,

What the British and Americans Knew,

wrote this for The Washington Post.

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Regarding "Cambodia's Past Is Its Own Business" (Opinion, Feb. 2) by Adam Garfinkle:

ital status to all and sundry. A international tribunal on Cambodia is ample evidence. Moreover, it is was simply a case of the United States acting like the "mother-in-law of the world," Mr. Garfinkle missteps more than once. While the Khmer Rouge mass murder of Cambodians may not qualify as enocide under international law, Khmer Rouge arrocities against the country's ethnic Cham, Chinese

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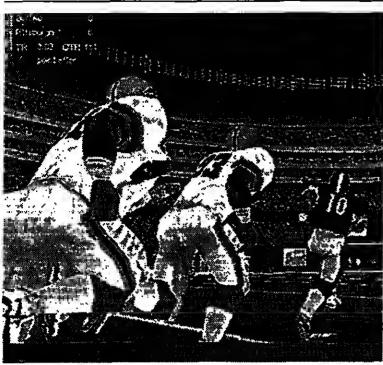
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Software sales, especially for

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The complaints started coming in

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Owners can get a full refund, plus a

For those who opt to keep the game,

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2000, the next version of the game,

which Sierra hopes to get on the mar-ket in August — but swears that it

Full details of the recall are avail-

So, was anyone disciplined at the

able hy calling 1-800-757-7707 in the

company about this? "There have

been some changes made," said Mr. Gleason, offering nothing more.

Perhaps someone should get into trouble — but someone else should get a medal.

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Buffalo Bills defenders chasing a Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback in Sierra's glitchy NFL computer game, which was taken off the market.

Consumers Win a Game

In a Rarity, Software Firm Offers a Refund

By John Burgess
Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — Applause, please, for the computer-game maker Sierra only become known over the course Inc. - not for creating a great piece of of long use by large numbers of oftware, but for creating a lousy one people.

Customers should just understand that, the companies feel. software, but for creating a lousy one and owning up to it.

program's code," the company re-called all of the nearly 50,000 copies of the NFL Football Pro '99 game it ad shipped, wants the embarrassment and cost of a Stores were told to take the game recall; yet it had established a solid had shipped.

off the shelves; anyone who had bought one (it had a suggested retail price of \$29.95) was offered a full refund and a free game, or patches and a discount on the next version.

The version in question was a ground-up rebuild that the company The company's president, David Grenewetzki, all but flagellated himlaunched about 18 mouths ago. Like most software development projects, this one fell behind schedule. self in public.

"I want to apologize to all our loyal customers for releasing a product be-fore it was ready." he said. "We let for a release timed to the late-summer the impending end of the football sea- start of the football season, Mr. son influence our decision process. Gleason said. That deadline was not We dropped the ball."

When I first saw the announce- development team rushing to get ment, I assumed that the game was a things ready. The holiday season complete bust; you'd try to run it and it came and went; still no game on the would balk, or it would erase ev- market. crything on your hard drive. But it turns out the problems are more subtle games, are very seasonal. If you miss than that. The game runs, but it can do the time of the year that's relevant to some cockeved things, such as miscalculate statistics for the oo-screen teams in certain circumstances, or to push the game onto the market in have a quarterback throw right when the final days of the fontball season he's looking left, or leave holes in the it reached the store shelves in the last defensive backfield that no real team

"It's a series of issues that range quickly. Through postings on the from polish to performance that collectively make it much more than an was delivered loud and clear that annoyance to the customer," said something was seriously wrong, Mr. Sean Gleason, the company's director Gleason said. There were problems no

Like his boss, Mr. Gleason went out known about. On Jan. 20, the comof his way to be contrite. But, truth be pany bit the bullet and issued the told, we're not talking about your hard recall. drive getting trashed

What be described sounded a lot credit for a purchase of another Sierra like the quirks that many software game at \$30 or less. companies treat as par for the course in a new release. Ignore them, patch Sierra has established what it is calling the Football Pro Home Team. them, fix them next time around. But whatever you do, don't concede that Members get patches to fix deficienthe customer has a beef worthy of a cies in the program and a \$20 rebate refund.

We don't accept that a relevision set sold to us is only a work in progress, nor a car, nor a pin-striped suit. We expect them all to live up to the promises and to get our money back if they don't. Yet the software industry makes us treat its shortcomings dif-

Maybe Sierra's decision is the first step toward software companies tak-ing the same responsibility for their products that just about every other

Not likely, actually. In the software industry, there's an explanation-justification-rationalization that is just too strong to be over-

TEW YORK - Pills are simple: Their coatings dissolve, and medicine travels throughout the body. In recent years, some surgeons have begun using a more targeted de-livery system, implanting tiny vials of potent medicine directly into tumors, where it seeps out gradually.

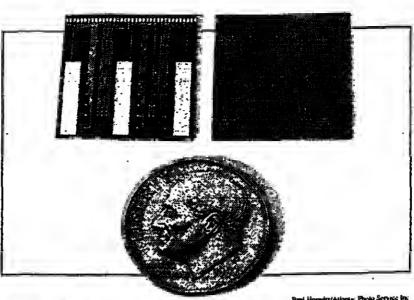
By John O'Neil

Now, engineers from the Massachu-setts Institute of Technology have built a prototype of something far more sophisticated: a kind of micropill, a silicon chip the size of a small coin that could release a combination of drugs on a preprogrammed schedule or by remote

Dr. Robert Langer, a chemical and biomedical engineering professor, and Dr. Michael Cimat, a material sciences professor, previously came op with a way of using ultrasound technology to deliver some medicines through the skin without breaking the surface, a process now in clinical trials.

Working with a chemical engineering graduate student, John Santini Jr., they turned to the question of devising a delivery system that would offer phy-sicians greater control over dosage and

In research described last week in the journal Nature, they made use of techniques already developed for the manufacture of computer chips to carve a compartment with a volume of 25 nanoliters - about a quarter of one grain of



Pill on a Chip Could Aid Patients and Doctors

On the front of the microchip, at left, the dots between the larger bars are the caps covering the reservoirs that hold the medication, which is put in through the larger openings on the back, shown at right.

salt - out of a silicon wafer.

Devices that work oo the same principle as ink-jet printers can, with computer guidance, fill those compartments with doses of medicine as low as two nanoliters, Dr. Langer said,

The harder part was figuring out what kind of a cap to put on that compartment hold in the dose - except in the pres-

- a lid that could be removed on command using a kind of remote control. They made the covering out of a gold membrane, a mere three-millionths of a meter thick, surrounded by a chloride

That is strong and stable enough to

ence of an electrical charge. "Apply a little voltage," Dr. Langer said, "and the gold will dissolve into a gold chloride solution; now the cap is off, and the contents can come out.

Dr. Langer said much work remained to be done to go from this "proof of principle" prototype — a model meant to show that the concept could work to actual use.

In particular, they would like to find biodegradable materials, which would allow a device to be implanted and then left to dissolve after use.

E ACKNOWLEDGED that a crucial question would be des complicated device would be worth the trouble. "Any type of implant wouldn't do for a cold but would for cancer," he Some implants already being used

with cancer panents can deliver tiny dosages. "But they don't offer the kind of control for multiple drugs or different release patterns," Dr. Langer said.

And in coming stages of research; they hope to combine the chip within microbattery and biosensors, to make a device able to react to changes within

Looking down the road, Dr. Langer envisions a wider range of uses. "They could be swallowable," he said. "Right now a lot of elderly patients have to take five or six drugs at different times of day, You might be able to take a single pill and put all the different dosages inside."

Patented Ways To Advertise In Cyberspace

By Teresa Riordan New York Times Service

TEW YORK — The basic premise of CyberGold, an elec-Berkeley, California, is that the best way to get consumers to read Internet advertisements is to pay them to do so.

It finds advertisers willing to pay people who sign up at its World Wide Web site (www.cybergold.com) and look at the ads. It then compensates consumers who demonstrate in some way that they have read an ad by crediting an account in the consumer's name; amounts range from 50 cents for downloading America Online Inc. software to \$100 for referring a new, paid-up sub-scriber to the At Home Internet service.

CyberGold recently received its second patent covering this idea. The company's patents also cover two other intriguing approaches to advertising in

The first is a way for consumers to store direct-marketing information about themselves oo their computers like their income bracket, ZIP code, hobbies and profession — so they can be compensated every time they release such information to advertisers.

'The notion here is that the informatiou about you belongs to you and doesn't belong to anybody else," said Nat Goldhaber, chief executive of CyberGold. "And you can decide when you release it and whether you want to be paid for it globally or on an ad hoc basis."

The patents also cover a way of turning conventional advertising-based publishing oo its head. In Mr. Goldhaber's patented Internet publishing system, online anthors or other creators of on-line content would not be paid a set fee by a publisher. Instead, they would receive a tiny commission from each new reader, who in turn has been paid to read an accompanying advertisement. Cyber-Gold would act as a clearinghouse for these transactions, effectively cutting out the role of a publisher.

'First you get paid to see the ads and then you use that to pay for the con-tent," he said. "You change the flow of money. But you don't change the basic setup, which is that advertising supports publishing."
Mr. Goldhaber said this type of pat-

ent, known as a business-method patent, empowers people who want to selfpublish or consumers who want to comasated for their time. But he and Gary Fitts, co-founder of CyberGold, are coming under fire for having patented these ways of doing busines

Jamie Love, director of the Consumer Project on Technology in Washington, said he would press Congress to conduct hearings on CyberGold's patents as well as other business-methods patents. Mr. Love said he disagreed with the idea that CyberGold's system was onvel enough to be patented, contending that he had written articles on a similar concept back in the 1980s. "And I didn't consider myself the inventor then," be said. 'This is typical of the poor quality of review they give at the Patent and Trade-

mark Office for this sort of thing." Mr. Love described as "dangerous" the legal monopoly that these patents provide, arguing that politicians would likely use such cash incentives to get potential voters to read their material on-line. "Suppose one candidate in a given campaign were the only one to be given a license to the patent," he said, 'He would be the only one who could disseminate information this way."

Mr. Goldhaber conceded that politicians would probably use the system, noting that while it is illegal to buy votes, it is not illegal to pay voters to read political tracts. "Instead of offering a drink down at the bar for coming to a rally," he said, "you can offer a buck and let them go down to the bar and buy their own drink."

On-Line Oasis in Haiti's Cyber Desert

Country's Only Internet Café Attracts Wealthy Elite and Foreigners

By Serge F. Kovaleski

PETIONVILLE, Haiti — Soft jazz is wafting through the air as several well-heeled people surf the Internet and send e-mail while sipping coffee at computers in a secondfloor room tastefully wallpapered in an old-world map motif. At the bar downstairs, where the walls are lined with colorful drawings of the planets, the menu includes cappuccino, espresso, mocha, rum punches and an assort-ment of American-style snacks.

This trendy, high-tech ambiance evokes images of cybercafés in Seattle, San Francisco or New York. But this one is in Haiti, and it is a striking anomaly in a country where the overwhelming majority of the population of 7 million is impoverished and illiterate and most people have oo electricity, telephones or running water. Haiti's only such café, Computer

World, opened in June 1997 in the heart of Petionville, a somewhar upscale town that is home to a large portion of Haiti's small moneyed clite the grinding poverty of the capital,

The café has found a solid niche able work in the computer field. among the oation's wealthy but more so among the relatively large oumber of foreigners who reside here, most of Internet, Internet, Internet, 'be re-whom work for congovernmental or-called "And so I am starting to ask ganizations or the United Nations mission in Haiti.

By using a satellite link, Computer World avoids depending on Haiti's unreliable state telephone service for Internet access and skips other frustrating delays caused by backed-up calls to the country's four local servers.

"When customers come here, they get connected fast, when they walk in, they are on-line." said Jonas Guillaume, 32, a Haitian who started Computer World with \$80,000 he and his two brothers had saved and financial help from their father.

"I could not have a cybercafé if I had to count on phone lines," he said. "After a big rain, for example, you could be without a phone for a month." Furthermore, it can take years to obtain phone service from Haiti's monopoly, decided to open the café after returning erally came to Computer World every said it was adding eight more.

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Customers getting on-line at Computer World, Haiti's only cybercafé.

a short drive into the highlands from to Haiti in 1996 from West Palm Beach, Florida, where for two and a half years he was unable to find suit-

"When I came back, everybody among the Haitian elites was talking them how they are getting on-line.

Haitians have access to the Internet via the country's servers; still, limited efforts to expand computer and Internet use in Haiti have gotten off the ground. The government is trying to develop an 'intranet' that would link all its ministries, and a growing oumber of courses are available to teach people how to use computer systems and on-line services.

On a recent afternoon, Reuben Summerlin, 28, an American who recently moved to Haiti and works for a noogovernmental organization, said the café had allowed him to gain access to his America Online Inc. account regularly and thus do his joh better and stay in touch with relatives more easily.

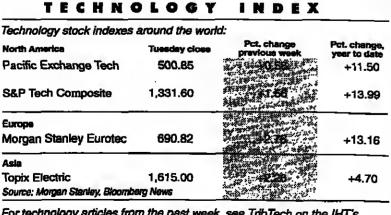
two days for about 90 minutes.

Others had less pressing reasons for frequeoting the cafe. "If you are not home and you want to check your email, you can just drop by," said Jean Bouchereau, 18, a high school student who was born in the United States. "I also like it." he added, "because it reminds me of the States. It is the It is estimated that fewer than 5,000 environment; it is kind of cool. It is different than anything else around Port-au-Prince.

> UT THE CAFE is still vulnerable to some of the problems that plague this Caribbean country. the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. Electricity, for instance, routinely fails, a problem that has forced Mr. Guillaume to buy a generator and an inverter for the café so that incoming e-mail does not get lost. Furthermore, someclients have complained that the computer system can be slow.

Computer World has 150 members. mostly foreigners, who pay dues of \$45 a month, which entitles them to 20 hours 'I would out be as effective at work of computer use. Nonmembers pay \$4 or have as much contact with my fam- an hour to use the cafe, which is open Teleco. Mr. Guillaume, who studied ily if it were ont for this place, said every day. It has eight IBM terminals computer science in Montreal, said he Mr. Summerlin, adding that he gen-

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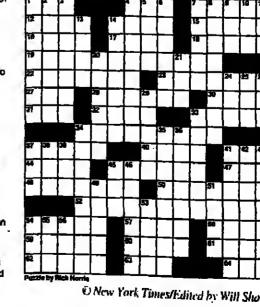
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By Anthony Faiola

Washington Past Service - BUENOS AIRES — In the country of Juan Peron, the populist president who cance tied the name of the U.S. amshared the manne of the U.S. authors and the street, the government's recent proposal to consider scrapping the Argentine peso in favor of the U.S. dollar

strikes some people here as grounds for estrices some people nere as grounds for revolution — or at least a good laugh.

'Forget it — I don't want to live in the 51st state!" said Mauro Alvarez, 47, a taxi driver with Argentina's blue-and-white flag fixed to his rearview mirror.

Some implants at at his with cancer pattern an delice of control to multiple and a control to multiple and an action of the control of the control to multiple and an action of the control of the con "O.K., I have a compromise," joked Antonio Gatti, 21, an office assistant contemplating his multicolored pesos at a local cafe. "We'll use American money, but only if they put Evita on the \$100 bill."

But the government of President Carlos Menem is quite serious. Like Hong Kong, Argentina already pegs its cur-rency to the dollar to maintain a stable and a lot of chloric parameters have a stable exchange rate and keep at bay the old menace of hyperinflation.

Two weeks ago, however, amid fears that Argentina may become the next target of currency speculators after the plunge last month of the Brazilian real, central bank officials publicly raised the possibility of adopting the dollar as Ar-

gentina's official currency.

To push the idea, Pedro Pou, president of the central bank, plans to travel to Washington in the next few months to make a formal presentation. Besides raising such bizarre possibilities as the opening of a U.S. Federal Reserve Bank branch in Buenos Aires, the proposal is sparking heated debate in political and financial circles about whether developing countries can or should protect emselves from global economic tur-

moil by giving up national currencies.

"The political obstacles are formidable, but it's a highly interesting concept that could take the element of risk out of the Argentine economy," said Matias Silvani, an economist with Citibank in Buenos Aires, "I think the world is moving toward fewer central banks and less currencies, and Argentina could take the lead in this region by dollarizing."

The Argentine proposal also may force Washington to prove its willingness to put its money where its mouth is. Pushed by the United States and international lenders, Argentina and other Latin American nations have made great strides in modernizing their economies along free-market lines.

Now, the government here is eager to secure Washington's help in preventing Brazil's currency crisis from affecting Argentina - including assistance with any potential plan to convert to the dollar. In a recent presentation, Mr. Pou offered three options, including an in-dependent and swift change from pesos to dollars without U.S. involvement and a second that would involve a monetary treaty with the United States.

A third and more ambitious proposal calls for much of Latin America to adopt the dollar in the same way that much of Europe has adopted the euro. That is considered a long shot, however, as Mexico and Chile, for example, already have voiced opposition to the idea. Argentine authorities prefer the idea of a monetary treaty under which the U.S.



Dollars are accepted at this newsstand and many other Argentine locales.

Argentine banks with backup loans in

If Washington refused to go along with such an agreement, Argentina could still declare the dollar as its currency by decree, liquidating its pesos and conducting all official business in dollars. The amount of dollars generated

Federal Reserve would agree to provide by such a move, analysts say, is not large

enough to affect the dollar supply either internationally or in the United States. Initial talks on the proposal between Argentine and U.S. officials have gone "as well as can be expected." said one source at the Argentine central bank,

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You might be able to take a mile, but all the different despite man **Lockheed Arms Itself** ti's Cyber Desen For Battle in Congress

Showdown on \$2.7 Billion Bid for Comsat

By Leslie Wayne New York Times Service

BETHESDA, Maryland - From his office in a suburban business park, John Sponyoe, president of Lockheed Martin Global Telecommunications, can gaze over to a nearby building that houses his goal: Comsat Corp., the quasi-government satellite company that Lockheed Martin Corp. wants to buy for \$2.7 hillion.

Without leaving his desk, Mr. Sponyoe can get a clear view of the big Comsat sign that stares back at him every time he looks up. But for Mr. Sponyoe and for Lockbeed, Comsat is so near and yet so far away.

"I've been in the helicopter husiness one of the biggest players in global before this," Mr. Sponyoe said. "And refecommunications." this deal has got more moving parts. That prospect is what is keeping than a helicopter. We know we are going to have a fight on our hands. But we think the deal makes good business sense and is doable."

The Comsat deal would put Lockheed, the United States' No. 1 military contractor, into the major leagues of global telecommunications and provide it with much-needed diversification away from the vagaries of the Pentagon budget and policies. But to accomplish the deal, Lockheed needs approval of the Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commis-

sion, and even an act of Congress. Lining up to make life miserable for Lockheed at every step is a formidable array of rival commercial satellite companies, telecommunications gi-ants, consumer groups and unsympath-etic members of Congress, all of whom have different reasons for being hostile to Comsat and Lockheed. In the scorecard for the new Congress, this showdown is expected to be one of the biggest legislative battles affecting

business this year. This is because Lockheed is walking into a larger telecommunications-industry minefield as it tries to acquire Comsat, the U.S. signatory and 19 percent owner of Intelsat, an international satellite network created decades ago

that Congress now wants to privatize.
To acquire Comsat, Lockheed must thread its way through the larger issue of Intelsat deregulation. How Congress settles that issue could either scuttle the Comsat deal or create terms so onerous that no company would want to buy the satellite company.

"Lockheed wants to be a much bigger player in a much faster-growing and more profitable business than their and more profitable business than their core defense business," said Peter Aseritis, an industry analyst with CSFB Securities. "It's a technology they feel they understand. But to buy Comsat, they have to go through all these complicated hurdles. If they can get through all those wickets, they could move to be one of the biggest players in global

Lockheed motivated, especially after suffering a major setback in Washington last year when the government halted the company's \$8.3 billion bid for Northrop Grumman Corp., a smaller military contractor.

Lockheed manufactures commercial satellites for others and lampches them. So acquiring a commercial satellite network to operate — charging others to bounce their signals off of Lockheed's satellites - would be a logical business extension.

Lockheed angered shareholders some sued the company, and others dumped the stock — after it amounced just before Christmas an unexpected drop in fourth-quarter earnings. Lock-heed's stock fell I1 percent to around \$40 a share on that announcement, and it remains there. It closed Wednesday at \$39.25, up \$1.375.

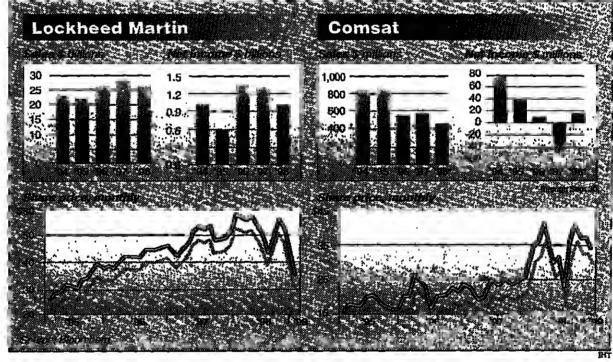
"If Lockheed wants to secure new growth areas, it's got to look outside of pure defense," said Mr. Sponyoe, who heads the newly created telecommu-nications division. "We're going for-ward on the basis that we will close the Comset deal. This isn't something we did knee-jerk after Northrop. We want this deal to close, and we are throwing all the assets of Lockheed behind it." To that end, Lockheed's chief ex-



'This deal has got more moving parts than a helicopter,' says John Sponyoe, president of Lockheed Martin's global telecommunications unit.

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ecutive, Vance Coffman, has joined Mr. Sponyoe and other Lockheed executives in making three lobbying visits to Capitol Hill in the last month.

Lockbeed also has hired some of the

heaviest hitters among Washington lobbyists. The 11 firms that will help the company's in-house team include Podesta Associates, run by the brother of John Podesta, the White Hoose chief of staff; Verner Liipfert Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, former Senator

. Bob Dole's law firm: and former lawmakers, including Beryl Anthony, Democrat of Arkansas, a close associate of President Bill Clinton.

Comsat has seven lobbying firms at its disposal. The two companies need this firepower because a measure to privatize Intelsat passed the House last year, 416-17, on terms Lockheed considered so onerous that it said it would walk away from the deal if the same bill was approved by Congress this year.

The bill died in the Senate in the last days of the 105th Congress.

Comsat's foes say it has enjoyed a monopoly franchise on U.S. access to Intelsat's 24 commercial satellites for too long, and they want to strip Comsat of many of the privileges it enjoys most important, immunity from the antitrust laws. Lockheed has expressed willingness to give up these privileges.

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Microsoft Slips Up in Video Demonstration at Antitrust Trial

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran hington Post Service

WASHINGTON - It began as a Perry Mason moment. Pointing to a slight change in the text in a corner of a computer screen, a Justice Department attorney at the Microsoft antibust trial forced a dramatic admission from a sonior company executive on the witness stand on Tuesday: A sophisticated video demonstration created by Microsoft and played in the courtroom contained a major inaccuracy.

This video you brought in here, and vouched for to the court, and testified how much you checked, that's just wrong, isn't it?'' David Boies, the Justice

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Department attorney, asked Microsoft's not actually been removed. senior vice president, James Allchin. "They filmed the wrong system," Mr. Allchin acknowledged.

Played on Monday, the videotape showed computers operating while us-ing Windows 98 in its current form and with Internet features stripped away. It was intended to demonstrate that serious problems resulted from removing Internet technologies from the operating But Mr. Boies, using a series of

frames from the tape, argued that at the time the computer was said to be demonstrating one of the most compelling problems, the text on the screen dicated that internet technologies had

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Later in the day, though, after Mr. Allchin made a series of telephone calls to his sobordinates at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Washington, the witness changed his story. The computer used in the video demonstration really did have its Internet technologies removed, but for some reason, which Microsoft officials have not been able to

pin down, the text label was erroneous. Regardless of how the text came to be changed, legal specialists said the conflicting interpretations of the video could sully Microsoft's credibility in the courtroom and lead U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jacksoo to put little value on the video, which formed the centerpiece of Mr. Allchin's testimony.
"Microsoft says this was some kind
of mistake," Mr. Boies said on the courthouse steps Tuesday. "I'm not going to stand here and say something nefarious happened in Redmond. All we know is that the tape they put in evideoce is oot reliable." But William Neukom, Microsoft's general counsel, likened the error to a wrong syllable in a word in a long essay.

Microsoft contends that Windows cannot operate properly without Internet technologies. Proving the contrary is central to the government's case. The Justice Department and 19 states allege that Windows 98 and Microsoft's Internet Explorer browsing software are separate products tied together in an illegal effort to crush its rival in the Internet browser market, Netscape Communications Corp.

Earlier in the trial, a government witness, Professor Edward Felten of Princeton University, demonstrated a program he had written to delete portions of Internet Explorer from Windows. Government lawyers argued that Microsoft could create a similar program to offer consumers a version of Windows 98 without a browser. Microsoft has asserted that Mr. Felten's program slows Windows 98 and prevents some non-internet functions from

working properly. To hack that claim, Microsoft produced the two-hour videotape, which purported to show the problems resulting from use of the Felten program, with

an on-line service that antomatically adds features to the operating system. With Mr. Allchin on the stand, Mr. Boies pointed to a tiny text header at the top of the screen that read "Microsoft Internet Explorer." When Mr. Felten's program was run, Mr. Boies said, such words should not appear there. The discrepancy, a government official said later, was noticed by two associates of

Mr. Felten's on Monday night. Mr. Alichin finally conceded the point. 'In this particular case, I do not think the Felten program has been nin," be said. He speculated that the wrong scene must have been included on the tape. But Mr. Allchin maintained that he had performed a similar test in a Microsoft laboratory and encountered delays. "The performance problem exists," he said. Mr. Boies later forced Mr. Allchin to

concede that some of the computers used for the test might oot have been "virgin machines," meaning that they had software other than Windows 98 and Mr. Felten's program on them, which could also affect performance.

Five hours later, after the lunchtime phone calls, Mr. Allchin gave a different analysis under questioning by a Mi-crosoft attorney. "My conclusion is that the demonstration computer was a Feltenized machine," he said. "What we saw were exactly the failures you would see in a Feltenized machine.

In other testimony, Mr. Allchin distanced himself from a memo he wrote in March 1997 urging that Internet Explorer be removed from Windows 98

Goodyear **Creates Top** Tiremaker

U.S. Giant Forms Alliance With Sumitomo Rubber

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TOKYO --- Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and Sumitomo Ruhber Industries Lid. agreed Wednesday to combine their global operations, creating the largest tiremaker in the world, with sales of \$15.5 billion. Goodyear, the higgest U.S. tiremaker.

will be the dominant partner, controlling combined operations in Europe and the United States, Sumitomo will control Japanese operations. The venture stops short of a merger, although the companies will exchange about \$110 million worth of stock, equivalent to 10 percent of Sumitomo shares and 1.4 percent of Goodyear stock.

But in most respects, the companies will operate as one. "If this were two American companies, they'd call it a straightforward acquisition," a person close to the talks said.

Goodyear and Sumitomo have agreed to place many of their plants and marketing operations into joint ventures, with Goodyear owning the larger shares of most. Goodyear has agreed to pay Sumitomo \$1 billion in cash to

make up for the inequity.

By adding more than \$2.5 hillion to its revenue, the deal will make Goodyear the largest tiremaker in the world, with a 22 percent market share. Until now, Goodyear, with 17 percent of worldwide sales, was behind Michelin SCA of France and Bridgestone Corp. of Japan.

The alliance will allow Goodyear and Sumitomo to cut costs by eliminating jobs and negodating better deals for raw materials. Goodyear said it would lay off 2,500 to 2,800 people and take a onetime restructuring charge of \$150 mil-

The companies said cost savings would lift their combined operating earnings by \$300 million to \$360 mil-

lion a year over the next three years. The deal includes plans to combine purchasing and research operations, but the key is the pooling of plants and distribution centers. In Western Europe, where Goodyear and Sumitomo each bave about \$2 hillion in sales, the companies will put their 14 plants into a joint venture that will sell Goodyear and Sumitomo tires. Goodyear will own 75 percent of the company. The deal also calls for Goodyear to take over 75 percent of Sumitomo's two U.S. factories,

which have about \$800 million in sales. There will be a mirror-image ownership structure in Japan, where Good-year has maintained small marketing operations. Those will be folded into Sumitomo's operations, and Sumitomo will own a 75 percent stake.

Soppliers to the auto industry are seeking to extend their worldwide presence as carmakers such as Daimler-Chrysler AG and Ford Motor Co. expand through acquisitions.

'There will be more alliances in the tire industry," said Olivier Pouteau of CPR Finance in Paris. He said the alliance would put pressure oo Michelin to seek acquisitions.

Shares of Sumitomo Rubber rose 42 yen to 573 yen (\$5.11). Goodyear shares were up \$1.375 to close at \$51.75 in New York. Shares in other tiremakers - including Michelin, Pirelli SpA of Italy and Continental AG of Germany - also rose oo speculation that further alliances would allow companies to teduce costs and lift their earnings. The slump in asset prices in Japan has

made some companies there attractive to suitors. DaimlerChrysler and Renault are vying to buy a stake in Nissan Motor Co. — possibly a controlling one. Ford Motor Co. last year paid \$482 millioo to increase its stake in Mazda Motor Corp., the fifth-largest automaker in Japan, to 33.4 percent from 24.5 percent.

Michelin said it was interested in Asian acquisitions. "Asia is curreotly our weak point, and we're still on the lookoot for acquisitions in the region." said Etienne Mercier, a company spokesman in Paris. 'Plans for mergers and acquisitions

in Japan are gaining steam," said Hiromasa Irie of Nomura Securities Co. (Bloomberg, NYT)

Commodity Prices: Depressed Outlook

Reuters

WASHINGTON - Prices for oil, wheat, cotton, aluminum and other commodities that have fallen sharply since the Asian financial crisis may never recover fully due to advances in technology and freer trade that causes supply-demand imbalances, the World Bank said Wednesday.

"Commodity prices may have taken another step down in the long history of declining prices relative to those of manufactured goods," the bank said in its inaugural Global Commodity Markets report.

Over the past two years, prices for many primary commodities have declined more than 50 percent from previous highs, the bank said, with similar declines in each key sector. agriculture, energy and metals.

The bank said the current low

prices are the result of the Asian economic crisis and recent production-boosting technology advances.

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because the company had been wasting 'hundreds of people's time on test versions that don't work." Asked by Boies about his comments, Mr. Allchin said:

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Mr. Boies focused on just one seg-

ment Tuesday, which alleged that a Windows user without Internet Explorer would face problems trying to use

Very briefly:

Time Waroer inc.'s fourth-quarter profit dropped 58 percent as the value of its stake in a satellite broadcasting business was reduced, but the returns from the company's operations rose on the strength of its magazines, cable networks and music division. The world's biggest media and entertainment company earned \$90 million in the period.

• The New York Times Co. earned \$84.3 million in the fourth quarter, up from \$79.3 million a year earlier, as revenue rose 6 percent, to \$782.2 million. The company is a part owner of the International Herald Tribune.

• Avinash Persaud, the former head of foreign exchange and commodity research at J.P. Morgan & Co., said he would not be joining Putnam Investments as be had announced be would do a month ago.

• Bil Mar Foods of Zeeland, Michigan, laid off 241 employees, or 19 percent of its work force, because of problems associated with an outbreak of listeriosis linked to bot dogs and delicatessen meats made at the plant.

Air Canada, the nation's biggest airline, reported a fourthquarter loss and said it would cut staff levels by 450 this year

. America Online Inc., the No. 1 on-line service, signed a five-year agreement valued at as much as \$500 million to market credit cards over the Internet for Bank One Corp.'s First USA unit, the largest U.S. provider of MasterCard and Visa cards.

• Northrop Grumman Corp.'s fourth-quarter profit tumbled 85 percent, to \$17 million, as the aerospace and defense company took charges to account for expected cuts in

 Cisco Systems Inc.'s second-quarter profit rose 33 percent, to \$606 million, as sales by the worldwide leader in computer networking for the Internet surged 40 percent, to \$2.83 Reuters, AP, AFP, Bloombere

Stocks Rally After Fed **Holds Steady on Rates**

NEW YORK - Stocks rose Wednesday after the Federal Reserve Board left benchmark lending rates unchanged, fueling confidence that profits will benefit as the economy grows with little inflation. Investors are encouraged by 'low inflation, low interest rates and a very friendly economy as evidenced by U.S. corporate earnings, 'said

David Sowerby, a money manager at Loomis, Sayles & Co. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 92.69 points higher at 9,366.81, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index ended 10.10 points

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higher at 1,272.09. The Nasdaq composite closed up 30.16 points at

2,493.58, and gaining issues outnumbered losing ones by a 4-to-3 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

The central bank's monetary policy panel — the Federal Open Market Committee — ended a two-day meeting by signaling it had left the benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks at 4.75 percent. It has been at that level, a four-year low, since Nov. 17.

Some investors had been concerned that the Fed might be tilting toward raising interest rates because of the strong economy. But "our view is that they really have nothing to worry about," said Alan Skrainka, chief market strategist at Edward Jones & Co. of St. Louis. 'This is one of the easiest decisions the Fed has had to

The most actively traded U.S. stock was 3Com, which fell 61/4 to 371/2 amid concern that the company may be losing corporate sales to

E*Trade fell 3 to 55¼ after the on-line brokerage house suffered a

computer malfunction that prevented its approximately 700,000 clieots from trading electronically for more than an hour.

"We're embarrassed by it," said Kathy Levinson, the company's
chairman, speaking on television. She cited an "applications change"
made Tuesday night that had caused the company's Web site to stop

The problem also affected E*Trade's voice-trading system and those customers who connect directly to its service. It was not clear wbether it extended to clients of the company's overseas affiliates in Canada and Australia, and spokesmen did not return phone calls seeking comment.

E*Trade's competitors rose, including Siebert Financial, which rose 231/2 to 491/2, and National Discount Brokers, which rose 11 to 38. Other technology issues also remained strong, especially Internet stocks. Amazon.com rose 151/2 to 1251/4, and Perot Systems, the computer-services company founded by the Texas billionaire Ross Perot, rose 16¾ to 60¼. The company's initial public offering Monday

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter rose 21/4 to 911/8 on talk that Chase Manhattan might buy the investment bank. Chase rose 2½ to 79 5/16. (Bloomberg, AP)

U.S. Talks of 'Crisis' in Japan Trade

By Alan Friedman tional Herald Tribune

ROME - Trade tensions between the United States and Japan and when they are doing poorly they are mounting, and Washington is prepared to impose sanctions on Tokyo unless Japan takes rapid action to open its markets in steel. construction and other sectors, ac-cording to two senior U.S. officials.

"I think this is the year in which we will find out if the world financial crisis turns into a trade crisis," said David Aaron, U.S. undersecretary of commerce for indown their trade barriers, but as usual they are unresponsive."

Mr. Aaron said that with its econ-

omy in recession and purchases of U.S. goods dropping, this was a good

time for Tokyo to ease its barriers.
"With their recession under way, they won't be importing a lot any-

Japan to open their markets in order with the United States. to help ease the current financial "Right now the United States is

say they can't do anything."

Mr. Aaron said Washington was

the import market of first, last and billion in 1999," be said. "What we are asking our European and Jap-anese friends to do is open their ternational trade. "We keep telling anese friends to do is open their Japan that this is the time to take markets more to exports from Russia, Asia and Latin America, but I don't think they consider that to be

part of their responsibility."

The same message was hammered home Wednesday by Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S. trade rep-

resentative.
"Japan has not sufficiently in-

way, and therefore they won't be creased domestic demand-led affected," Mr. Aaron said. "But they growth," she said in an interview in Rome, "nor has it sufficiently demand and therefore they are doing well they ignore our entreaties, opened its market and deregulated its economy. It is a drag on Asia, and in attempting to export its way out of recession Japan is responsible for urging both the European Union and substantially increased trade tension

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Ms. Barsbefsky said that Europe must also play its part to alleviate the world crisis. "We urge Europe to stand with us in maintaining an open only resort, and we are looking at a market atmosphere and in lowering trade deficit of \$250 billion to \$300 import barriers particularly on Russian steel and Japanese autos. Burope must play an ever important role in global recovery.

Mr. Aaron singled out the steel and construction sectors as cxamples of what he called Tokyo's unresponsive attitude."

"In steel there has been a massive surge of Japanese exports to the United States," he said, "and if the surge doesn't stop sooo then we will initiate trade couoter-measures."

Rubin's Remarks Help Dollar Rise

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the yen Wednesday after Robert Rubin, the U.S. Treasury Secretary, urged Japan to strengthen its debt-laden banking system and said the U.S. government supported a strong dollar.

Rubin made some comments that Japanese banks still have problems, and be also reiterated the strong-dollar policy," said Ben Stranss, a trader at Bank Julius Baer. Mr. Rabin's remarks gave traders "an excuse" to buy dollars, he said.

In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar rose to 112.975 yen from 112.145 yen Tuesday. It also rose against the euro, which fell to \$1.1295 from \$1.1337. The pound fell to \$1.6358 from \$1.6388. The dollar climbed to

for the export sector."

1.4173 Swiss francs from 1.4133 the Federal Reserve Board's decision

"Japan has continuing problems with its banks," Mr. Rubin said after restifying before the Senate Budget Committee. "They have taken steps, but they have a lot to do there."

Japan's government last year set up a 25 trillion yen (\$222.9 billioo)

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fund to recapitalize the banks. The banks are also discussing cost-cut-ting plans with Japan's financial

Mr. Rubin also said the U.S. government's policy on the dollar was unchanged and that it supported a

The dollar also was supported by

to leave interest rates unchanged

growing briskly, there was little like-lihood that the Fed would cut rates. The policy council of the Euro-

pean Central Bank meets Thursday. meanwhile, amid some speculation that European interest rates could still move lower. This week, central bank President Wim Duisenberg said the bank was not planning to cut its 3

percent benchmark lending rate.
"The euro has got problems," said Helena Morrissey at Newton Investment Management in Lon-don. "Growth in Europe is weaker than expected."
(Bloomberg, Bridge News)

as part of a plan to increase profit margins. The airline said it lost 20 million Canadian dollars (\$13.2 million) in the latest Renault Plans to Lay Off 1,200 in Argentina

Compiled by Our Stoff From Disposches

BUENOS AIRES - Renault SA, France's second-biggest carmaker, said Wednesday it would lay off 1,200 workers at its Argentine plant as a sputtering economy in neighboring Brazil prompted the company to slash output by more than one-fourth.

The workers' jobs will be suspended for at least four mooths as the carmaker reduces its plant's shifts from two to one, said Juan Manuel Lardizabal, Renault's director of industrial rela-

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tions. Daily production is to drop 27 percent, to 270 units a day.

"We think that in 90 days Brazil will

send some improved signals," he said. "And within 180 days Brazil is going to recover some demand - not at the level it was before, but at an acceptable level." An International Monetary Fund official, however, said Brazil's economy would show negative growth this year as a result of the devaluation of its currency.

'There is no doubt that there is going

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to be a contraction; growth rates will be negative in the course of 1999," Jack Boomann, head of policy development and review, said. "The devaluation it-self and the financial uncertainty create a downdraft on the economy," Mr. Boormann said. "On the other hand, the devaluation should also be a bit of a kick

Mr. Boormann was speaking in Copenhagen at a hearing on the international financial crisis.

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PESO: Dollars for Argentina? Many car loans and bome

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While warning that nations should not view adoption of U.S. Treasury secretary, Lawrence Summers, said last week that Argentina's dollar plan "could serve a very important function in anchoring

their economy." effect on the national psyche peso to \$1. here of surrendering control

second currency.

mortgages and more than 56 and U.S. officials have percent of all bank deposits are in dollars, which are aloffered cautious endorsemost as easy to get as pesos at local cash machines, Most businesses eagerly accept the dollar as a substitute for dollars in place of their blue, fiscal prudence, the deputy red and yellow local coun-

Easy access to the dollar is possible under Argentina's "convertibility plan," which set up a currency board in 1991 that deprived the central Scrapping the peso poses bank of most of its monetary myriad challenges — not the flexibility in return for an exbank of most of its monetary least of which would be the change rate locked at one

The basic principle is that of monetary policy to a for-eign capital. And, as Wash-the Argentine government

for every peso in circulation, the Argentine government must back it up with \$1 in the central bank. It makes the currency far more resistant to fluctuations than, say, the already had adopted the dollar, it is not above closing the pipeline for political reasons.

"We are losing our nation's ability to make decisions," former President Raul Alfonsin said in criticizing Mr. Menem's plan. "In all areas, we are putting the country's future in jeopardy."

Warnings that Argentina is selling out to the Yankees pervade the local press. On the front page of Argentina's Pagina 12 newspaper — printed with a green tint just for the occasion — a grinning Mr. Menem stares out from where George Washington should be oo the \$1 bill. In a banner headline, the paper suggested a possible name for Menem's scheme: "El Plan Monica."

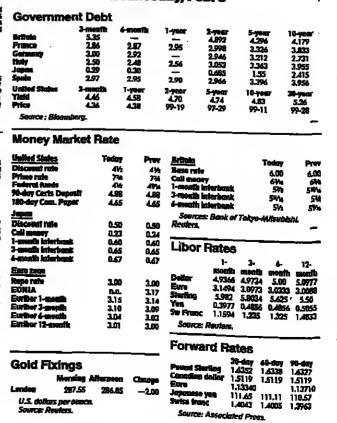
In real terms, the change in daily life in South America's second-largest economy could be minimal. Since 1991, when Argentina pegged the peso to it, the dollar has become this nation's second currency.

for every peso in circulation, the Argentine government must back it up with \$1 in the central bank. It makes the currency far more resistant to flinctuations than, say, the Brazilian real, but it also means that Argentina must depend on the Federal Reserve for mucb of its monetary policy.

Although Mr. Pou has ruled out a rapid switch to the dollar, financial sources close to the government must back it up with \$1 in the central bank. It makes the currency far more resistant to flinctuations than, say, the Brazilian real, but it also means that Argentina must depend on the Federal Reserve for mucb of its monetary policy.

Although Mr. Pou has ruled out a rapid switch to the dollar, financial sources close to the government say that position could change if Argentina were subjected to the sort of rapid capital flight that led to Brazil's crisis last month. If such a shift is successful in Argentina, many analysts say, other developing nations may look to the dollar, 'Mr. Silvani of Citibank said. 'Bnt getting rid of the peso."

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BMW Board Is Said to Plan Chief's Ouster

By John Schmid International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said Wednesday it had called a special meeting of its supervisory board Friday amid renewed speculation that the German luxury automaker wanted to dismiss its chief executive,

Bernd Pischetsrieder. The newsmagazine Stern has reported that the board plans to replace Mr. Pischetsrieder with either Volker Doppelfeld, BMW's former chief financial officer and new a supervisory board member, or Wolfgang Reitzle, the com-

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT - The IG Metall

union of Germany maintained its

bard-line stance Wednesday in a

critical round of pay oegoniations by

rejecting a sweetened offer from in-

Keeping labor tensions simmer-

ing in Europe's biggest economy, the unioo also vowed to cootinue

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Bloomberg News

computers in Europe rose 21.6 per-

said Wednesday,

LONDON - Sales of personal

dustry as "meager."

Pischetsrieder.

A spokesman for Munich-based issues are not on the agenda." The supervisory board chair-BMW said the board would hear a man, Eberhard von Kuenheim,

led BMW's acquisition of the Brit- of the British Rover group. ish carmaker in 1994. Last year,

strikes, which last a few hours.

walkout of unlimited duration.

talks Wednesday in Stuttgart.

IG Metall repeated its determi-

nation to organize a strike ballot of its

2.7 million members if no settlement

is reached by oext Thursday, open-

ing the way to a potentially crippling

Government and husiness leaders

IG Metall is demanding a 6.5 per-

cent raise in the 1999 contract and is

resorting to its most aggressive bar-

more than 900 plants Wednesday to improvement from Gesammetall's attack Germany's near-record un-participate in a fourth day of protest original offer of 2.0 percent.

had hoped for a breakthrough in the

pany's director of new-model de- Rover cut more than 2,300 jobs and BMW's German operations revelopment, who is a critic of Mr. had an estimated loss of more than 1 billion Deutsche marks (\$579.6 million). BMW has not yet re-BMW confirmed a meeting had leased Rover's financial report, but been called but said "leadership more jobs are expected to be cut.

The supervisory board chairreview of restructuring efforts at whom Mr. Pischetsrieder sucthe company's unprofitable British ceeded in 1993, is thought to be Mr. Pischetsrieder has come under criticism since problems surfaced last year at Rover. He has schetsrieder for "poor model been accused of ignoring Rover's policy, weak decision-making and production shortcomings after he a false assessment in the purchase

Outside of its Rover operations.

would grant a one-time bonus to

bring the raise to 2.8 percent, but

only for companies that can afford

it. The union accused industry of

trying to create a two-tier wage sys-

tem that would weaken the system

Chambers of Commerce and In-

dustry, Hans-Peter Stihl, said a

strike hy IG Metall would compel

industry to boycott the govern-

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main among the most consistently successful in the European auto industry. But it has become the subject of takeover speculation because it has been slow to expand its model lineup while rivals such as Volkswagen AG have moved into BMW's luxury segment and the luxury carmaker DaimlerChrysler

AG expanded in cheaper cars. Another outcome of the meeting could be a new restructuring plan for Rover with new layoffs, analysts said, "I do not expect him to leave," Juergen Pieper, an analyst in Frankfurt at B. Metzler Sohn & Co. Bank, said of Mr. Pischetsrieder.

IG Metall Spurns Offer as 'Meager' Elf Aquitaine Says Profit Fell IG Metall also angrily rejected a second component of the offer that

22% Last Year

Compiled by Our Staff From Desputches PARIS - Elf Aquitaine SA released provisional figures Wednesday showing that net profit fell to between 1.20 bil-lion and 1.22 billion euros (\$1.36 billion to \$1.38 billion) in 1998, a decline of about 22

perceot from 1997. The chairman and chief executive, Philippe Jaffre, said the price of crude oil fell about 33 percent in 1998. The company said good results in its refining and marketing, chemicals, and health units helped offset the

decline. Mr. Jaffre also reported that a total of 1.5 billion French francs (\$260 millioo) was misappropriated at the company from 1989 to 1993.

Elf is involved in a series of judicial inquiries concerning its former chairman, Loik le Floch-Prigent, and a former Socialist foreign minister, Roland Dumas. A former mistress of Mr. Dumas, Christine Deviers-Joncour, has admitted receiving millions of francs to lobby officials. (Bridge News, AFP)

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SAir Group And Partners Buy AOM

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PARIS - SAir Group, the holding company for the Swiss flag carrier Swissair, said Wednesday that it had bought 49 percent of AOM, the second-largest French airline, which is being divested by the state-controlled bank Credit Lyonnais.

SAir Group's partners, the French holding company Marine-Wendel and the investment fund Groupe Alpha, bought the other 51 percent of the stock from the Consortium de Realisation, which was set up to sell off Credit Lyonnais's assets. Financial terms of the acquisition, which is subject to clearance from French and European Uoion regulators, were not disclosed.

Formerly known as Air Outre Mer, AOM provides domestic and international flights and generated more than 4.4 billion French francs (\$760.4 million) in sales last year. AOM, based at Orly Airport near Paris, has 2,400 employees and a fleet of 26 aircraft, soon to be increased to 28 planes with the delivery of two Airbus A340s.

Credit Lyonnais is divesting the unit as a coodition of EU approval for multiple injections of aid from the French government. Under the terms of a bailout, Consortium de Realisation has until 2014 to sell assets worth 186 hillion French

"This move is a logical step for SAir Group, enhancing efforts to expand, solidify and strengthen its alliance strategy in primary custom-er markets," the Swiss company said. "By purchasing a substantial equity stake in AOM, SAir Group is significantly streogthening its existing commercial ties with the French airline and laying the groundwork for expansion of this

cooperation over the long run."

The company said France was Europe's third-largest travel market and the world's fifth-largest, with more than 53 million passengers annually. AOM also is a founder of the Qualiflyer Groop, an alliance joining 10 European airlines. In September, SAir Group bought a 44 percent stake in Air Littoral, France's largest regional carrier.

(Bridge News, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

· British Telecommunications PLC plans to spend £5 billion (\$8.2 hillion) over five years to improve its data and multimedia services in Britain and Europe.

International Herald Torson

· Nokia Oy, the world's largest cellular-phone maker, and MeritaNordbanken Oy agreed to develop wireless banking services using mobile-phone technology.

· Sage Group PLC, one of the world's largest accountingsoftware companies, agreed to buy Peachtree Software Inc. of the United States for £88 million (\$144.8 million)

· Societe Generale SA and Paribas SA, the French banks merging to create Europe's second-biggest bank, plan to reduce their loans to corporate clients by more than 10 percent, freeing up capital to make acquisitions.

 The European Commission will ask France Televisiun, RAI of Italy and RTVE of Spain to provide details on how they use money received from the state, in the first step toward an antitrust investigation into the financing of public television companies in those countries.

 Spain's jobless rate edged up in January to 11,03 percent from 10.91 percent in December, according to the Labor Ministry, which counts only the registered unemployed. But the government said the economy was robust in late 1998, suggesting unemployment will fall.

· Britain's takeover panel rejected a move by Great Universal Stores PLC, a mail-order retailer, to appeal its claim that former directors of Argos PLC breached the takeover code during Great Universal's hostile bid for the catalog-shop chain.

• The Bundesbaok plans to propose structural changes this year as it redefines its role within the 11-nation European

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"It's the consumer market that's Sales rose to 9 million uoits in the Sales rose to 9 million uoits in the fourth quarter from 7.4 million units driving the overall growth," said world's No. 2 computer maker, in the year-earlier period. Sales in Philip Williams, a PC analyst at maintained the top apot in Europe, Western Europe rose 27.2 percent to Dataquest Inc. "Consumers are increasing its market share 2.3 perchoosing by price rather than brand centage points to 16.7 percent.

sales were down 20.4 percent.

names, and margins are dropping for vendors.' Corporate sales grew 14 percent,

spurred by spending on preparing for the year 2000 and the introduction Jan. 1 of the euro as the common currency in 11 countries. Mr. Williams said he expected European PC sales growth to slow in 1999.

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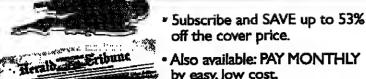
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Washington Post Service TASHINGTON - U.S. senators care about stocks - for public-policy as well as strictly personal reasons. So it was not surprising, when the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, testified before them last week, that they asked him

about Internet shares. Mr. Greenspan warned of a "lottery mentality" among investors. But he conceded that their wagers made some sense: "The size of that potential market is so huge that you have these pie-inthe sky type of potentials for a lot of different vehicles. And undoubtedly some of these small companies are going to succeed. The vast majority are

almost sure to fail." Then he added, "You wouldn't get hype working if there weren't something fundamentally potentially sound under it."

Let me interpret: The Internet is for real, but guessing which companies will be the winners is nearly impossible. Still, investors are not stupid, and it's

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Very briefly:

to join Lehman Brothers.

Swiss equities.

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stock of a company such as Amazon.com Inc., the on-line retailer, which probably won't have earnings for a year or more. But it is not absurd to let other investors do the valuing for you.

My own high opinion of Amazon is

based on using the product. And familiarity often breeds success in the stock market. That is the philosophy of Peter Lynch, the former manager of the Fidelity Magellan Fund and one of the best stock-pickers in history. He argued that investors should buy companies that sell things they know and like.

But it would be foolish to buy

Amazon or any other Internet stock by itself. And it would be insane to try to jump in and out of such shares in shortterm speculation, the way day-trading hotshots do. Investing in the Internet is a highly risky proposition.

The rule with internet investing has to be: Don't skimp on safety. There are two good ways to cut your risk: (1) hold

important to have a healthy respect for the market.

I think it makes sense for investors to include Internet stocks in their port-

past five years, while the average growth fund gained 19 percent a year,

*Vanguard Group, the second-biggest U.S. mutual fund company, at-

tracted a record net amount of \$7.8

billion to its funds last month. Fidelity,

the biggest U.S. fund company, said its funds took in \$7.4 billion in January.

Moody's Investors Service Inc. lowered Sharp Corp.'s credit rating to

A-2 from A-1, predicting that weak

consumer spending and tough compe-tition would reduce the Japanese com-

pany's sales of its liquid crystal displays

"Pioneer Securities, a subsidiary of

Bostou-based Pioneer Group Inc., is

closing its Moscow brokerage, but it

plans to continue its asset-management

and related products.

according to Morningstar Inc.

infancy. Over time, there will be new business models and lots of unforeseen changes." One, Mr. Chung said, is taxation. Internet commerce is getting a tax holiday for the next three years, but who

knows what will happen after that? Mr. Chung is the manager of Monument Internet Fund, one of several new funds devoted to the sector. From its founding on Nov. 16 through Feb. 1, it has returned 96 percent, and it is up 48

percent in the past month alone.
Other such funds include WWW Internet Fund, which has returned 38 percent this year, the Internet Fund, up 50 percent in 1999; and Munder Net Net, up 100 percent over the past three months.

Mr. Chung takes a relatively conservative approach to the Internet. He is well diversified, with his top five holdings representing only 20 percent of the portfolio, and he focuses on companies that are actually profitable or are on the

brink of making money.

For now, be said, "Internet companies that will make money will provide basic equipment, enabling technologies and services." As a retailer, Amazon does not fit that category. Monument Internet does own a little bit of Amazon (about 2 percent of its 40-stock port-folio), but, said Mr. Chung, "we took some profits."

He is more excited about companies such as USWeb Corp., a consulting firm that provides one-stop shopping for companies that want to do business on the Internet; Doubleclick Inc., which places advertising on more than 60 Web sites, including AltaVista and The Dilbert Zone, for clients such as Microsoft Corp. and AT&T Corp.; and Aware Inc., whose DSL (digital subscriber line) technology allows faster Internet access through conventional copper phone lines.

Mr. Chung also owns shares in companies that provide Internet security.

While perhaps less risky than some Internet highfliers, these stocks should not be confused with, say; General Elec-

If you want Internet exposure with more safety, then the obvious choices are America Online Inc., and Yahoo Inc.,

Prices Fall Internet Investing: How to Add Safety RV Makers Ready to Roll

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Good stories don't always make goodstocks, but there is no denying that one of the better tales concerns the RV industry — makers of recreational vehicles and motor homes. The idea is that as baby boomers retire over the next 20 years, they

will take to the roads. This is a business of small. companies and stocks depressed by womes of an economic slowdown. or higher oil prices. Still, there could be sleepers. Red Chip Review. gives its top rating to Coachmen Industries Inc., with a price/earnings ratio of 13, and National R.V. Holdings Inc., at a P/E of 11. Others: Monaco Coach Corp., at 17, and Winnebago Industries Inc., 12: — JAMES K. GLASSMAN.

ness from Value Line. Or balance pure plays with companies that have Internet stakes but provide their own diversi-fication, such as MCI WorldCom Inc. the largest holding of Munder Net Net, or Compaq Computer Corp., the second-largest holding of WWW Internet Fund.

Perhaps the most solid of all Internet stocks is Cisco Systems Inc., which supplies networking products that are essential to all Web activity. Cisco, for instance, has an 85 percent share of the market for routers, which tell messages where to go. The stock took a dive it—October to \$43.88 but is now over \$100. Cisco makes real money, too - \$1.4 billion last year, up 30 percent — but its price/earnings ratio, based on estimated profits for the year ending in July, is a lofty 73.

As for diversification, the easiest way to get it is through a fund, but all the Internet specialists lack track records.
As Josh Charlson wrote last year in Morningstar, "Investors who are uneasy with the inexperience of the new funds may want to hold out" - or buy broader technology or aggressive-growth funds that include Internet stocks in their portfolios. At any rate, safety counts, even with high-tech highfliers.

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Bond Prices Fall in Tokyo as Banks Bail Out

banks scrambled to flee the market. The yield on the 10-year bellwether No. 203 government bond, which moves inversely to price, peaked at 2.44 percent, the highest since June 1997. The price fell to 95.87 from 96.08 on Tuesday.

"Banks are carrying on Tuesday's dumping of bonds," said Kenchi Tsukuda of Taiheiyo Securities Co.

. The most recent slide in bond prices began Tuesday, when Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa suggested that the government was t concerned about higher longterm interest rates.

'In December, the government said it would issue a record amount of new debt in 1999 and would stop buying hands in the secondary market.

Du Pont and Teijin to Join

In Polyester Film Venture

Bloomberg News

WILMINGTON, Delaware - Du Pont Co., the world's largest

maker of polyester film, said Wednesday that it would form a joint

venture with Teijin Ltd. of Japan, strengthening its position in Asia and

giving Du Pont control of more than a quarter of the world's market for the film.

The new company, expected to start in September, will be equally owned by Du Pont, based in Wilmington, Delaware, and Teijin, the

The companies expect annual sales of \$1.4 billion and will produce

Prices for polyester osed in photographic films, packaging and other

applications have slumped with the Asian economic crisis, dimin-

ishing profit from those products and forcing producers to cut costs.

The move will help the biggest U.S. chemical company weather the

effects of falling prices and fortify its polyester business in Asia,

The companies didn't say how much they expect to save or whether

Du Pont markets polyester films under the Melinex, Mylar, Cronar

Teijin will first transfer its domestic polyester film sales business to

and other brand names and has about 19.2 percent, by prodoction

the joint venture, followed by its production and research operations

capacity, of the 1.3 million-tou polyester film market.

more than 300,000 tons annually. Financial terms were not dis-

largest maker of polyester film in Japan.

there would be job cuts.

ment bonds fell Wednesday as major Japanese banks in the six from bond-related profits. Those gains may be wiped out in the second half because of the sliding at the higher long-term rates. bond prices.

"Banks are dumping their inven-tories," said Yoshitaka Majima, a senior pension fund manager at Merrill Lynch Mercury Asset Management Japan Ltd.

Analysts have said that Japanese government bond yields have been artificially low for too long and that the collapse in prices was inevitable. In September 1998, the yield on the 10-year beliwether bond fell to a record low of 0.67 percent.

The government has played down the effect on the economy, saying rates remain low compared with global standards and will not ance," said Ryntaro Kono, a senior

dampen further corporate capital economist at Dai-Ichi Life Research spending or personal consumption.

Banks could benefit over the downward." TOKYO — Japanese govern- third of operating profits at the 18 spending or personal consumption. Banks could benefit over the months ended September came long-term, analysts said, because they can procure funds of short maturities at lower rates and lend them

> "In the interim their bond portfolios are going to get hammered," said Walter Alther of Jardine Fleming Securities.

Ichizo Ohara, an adviser to Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, said he planned to propose that the Bank of Japan, the central bank, buy at least 5 frillion yen (\$43.5 billion) in government bonds over two years to ally would benefit if the current in-

help absorb the supply.
Such direct underwriting is allowed only in an emergency. But the law does not define what could con-

stitute such an emergency.
"Even without the BOI's assist-

rates hurt home buyers - although they could cause a short burst of home loans as borrowers rush to beat impending rate rises.
(AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

LOCKHEED: Showdown on Comsat

Continued from Page 9

But opponents of the Lockheed-Comsat deal, mainly other satellite companies, dismiss a Lockheed statement to that effect, saying it offers only the appearance of re-

More to the point, the foes have an array of other proposals that could undermine long-term contracts Comsat has signed and allow

customers to bypass Comsat en-tirely to get to Intelsat.

The Intelsat privatization bill would establish the future rules of the game for global satellite communications in the same way that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 set rules for the ground-based industry.

Besides Panamsat, whose ultimate parent is General Motors Corp., other opponents of the takeover are Loral Space & Telecommunications Ltd., Iridium LLC, Boeing Co., Motorola Inc., Echostar Communications Corp., Teledesic and satellite users including AT&T Corp., General Electric Co., National Broadcasting Co., MCI World-Com Inc. and Sprint Corp.

groups joined the anti-Comsat fray, bin, a brokerage firm.

seeking lower international phone

public relations firms. For starters, Lockheed must push the deal over an antitrust hurdle at the Justice Department. That should

be the easiest step. Then there is the Federal Communications Commission. Lockheed needs to be declared a "common carrier" to increase its ownership stake in Comsat from the 10 percent now permitted under law to 49 percent. All those against Locked in Congress are submitting briefs to the Federal Communications Commission opposing this request. Must analysts say it appears

that Lockheed should prevail. a statutory ownership cap so that Lockheed could increase its own-

ership of Comsat to 100 percent. What worries Lockheed is that Congress, in privatizing Intelsat, heavily dependent upon the boommight set terms making Comsat less valuable. "Once you put a bill into Congress, all kinds of things can come out," said Armand Musey, an On top of that, various ethnic analyst with C. E. Unterberg, Tow-

IMF Sees 2% Growth come when too much demand on cash pushes up the yields of Jap-

SEOUL - The International This has risks, he said, noting the Monetary Fund has forecast growth impact of higher yields on governin South Korea's gross domestic product of 2 percent or more for 1999, well above earlier forecasts, economy by raising funding costs officials said Wednesday.

'The IMF agreed that the South Korean economy is in a recovery phase and revised its GDP growth forecast to 2 percent from its fourthquarter forecast of positive growth," the Finance and Economy

Ministry said. The IMF said South Korea's growth could be higher than 2 percent, depending on the pace of the recovery of domestic consumer sentiment and external conditions.

The announcement followed the IMF's two-week quarterly review of rates. Each group, besides having South Korea's economy, which formidable in-house lobbyists, has ended Tuesday. The next regular hired powerful outside lobbying and review is scheduled in July.

Analysts said the IMF's assessment of the economy was a hit too rosy because South Korea's export

search and Consulting Ltd. "It is too premature to judge whether the coun-'s business conglomerates have really improved performance through layers of redundant workers."

Other analysts said exports could lose steam in the aftermath of fi-Then, Congress would have to lift nancial instability in Brazil and Russia and that domestic demand was unlikely to revive quickly amid fears of a prolonged recession.

"South Korean exports look ing semiconductor sector," said Jwa. Seung Hee, president of Korean Research Economic Institute. 'There are still plenty of pitfalls lurking in the country's economic future. (AFP, Reuters)



Very briefly:

porate restructuring was far from complete.

"Whether South Korea's economy is picking up solidly is still an open question." said Henry Morris, director at Seoul-based Industrial Research and Consulting Ltd. "It is too."

Itom banking operations abroad, shutting down its subsidiary in Hong Kong and branches in Hong Kong, New York and London, the Nihon Keizai newspaper reported. A new bank that is to be created by the merger of Chuo Trust with Mitsui Trust & Banking Co. next year will specialize in domesne retail operations, the report said.

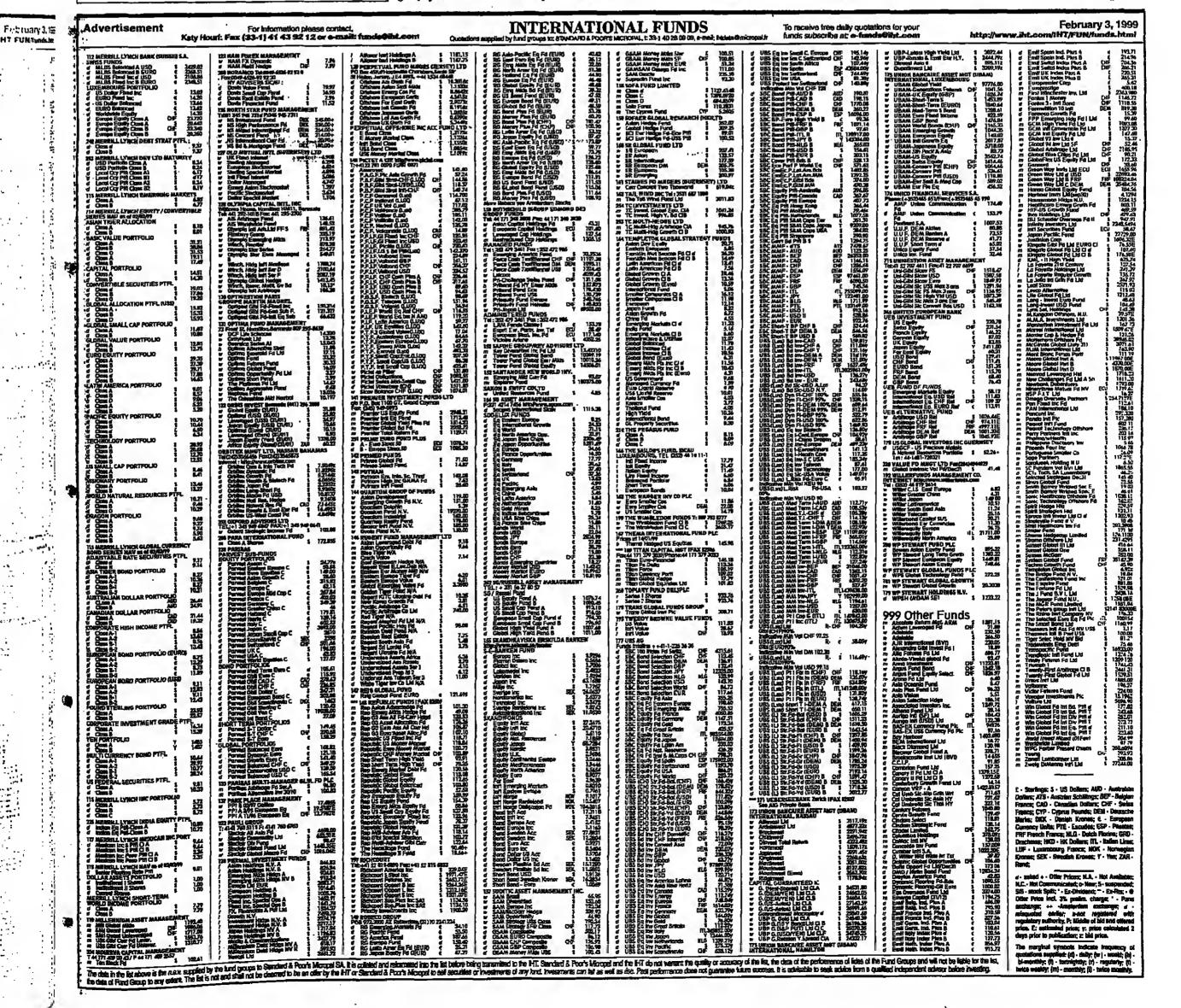
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reported an 80 percent drop in profit for 1998 as it took provisions for loans to the failed Guangdong International Trust & Investment Corp. Net income tumbled to 81.8 million Hong Kong dollars (\$10.6 million) from 400.4 million dollars in 1997.

· HSBC Holdings PLC of Britain is close to receiving clearance to take over state-run SeoulBank, South Korean regulators said. Several U.S. banks also had made offers.

• PT Indosat, the Indonesian international telecommunications company, reported an 82 percent increase, to 1.166 trillion rupiah (\$132,5 million), in its 1998 net income as an increase in rates for calls offset effects of the Asian crisis.

· Abdul Murad Khalid, assistant governor of the central bank of Malaysia, is stepping down, the third high-ranking official of the bank to leave since economic and political turmoil hit the country last year, Mr. Abdul Murad is widely viewed as an ally of the ousted deputy prime minister, Anwar AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Reuters



WORLD ROUNDUP

Manchester United Is Richest by Far

SOCCER Manchester United is by far the world's richest club, according to a survey published on Wednesday.

The English club generated £89.7 million (\$143.9 million) in income in 1997, according to a survey hy accountant Deloitte and Touche that ranked clubs by

According to Deloitte's figures, United's revenues are \$49.11 million more than those of the second club, Barcelona. United's revenues were more than double those of the seventh club — AC Milan — and treble the 15th team — Roma.

Of the top 20 clubs, only Flamengo of Brazil in 11th place was not European. Six were Italian --led by Juventus in fourth, five were English, three Spanish, two German, one French, one Scottish and one Dutch

In spite of its financial advan-tage, United has reached the final of the European Champions Cop only once — in 1967. (Reuters)

Hoddle's Team Lives On

SOCCER Howard Wilkinson, technical director of the English Football Association, on Wednesday named the England squad for the match Feb. 10 against France, the world champion. Wilkinson took over as temporary coach wheo Glenn Hoddle was sacked Tuesday. The squad was picked by Hoddle before his departure. (Reuters)

Hingis Survives Scare

TENNIS Martina Hingis, playing her first match since winning the Australian Open, survived a spirited challenge Wednesday from Ai Sugiyama of Japan to win, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, in the second round of the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo. (Reuers)

English Body Is Fined

Rugby Football Union was fined £80,000 (\$131,000) Wednesday by the International Rugby Board,

rugby unioo's ruling body.
It said the English Rugby Football Union had been punished for "conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Board." It said £30,000 had to be paid now. The rest was suspended on condition that it "conducts itself in an open and honest manner its fellow members. The English were fined £60,000 in December after English clubs played Swansea and Cardiff, who are boycotting the

Sri Lanka Beats England

CRICKET Sri Lanka beat England Wednesday in a tri-nations game in Sydney. England has already qualified to meet Australia in the final. Sri Lanka made 181 for seven in its 44 overs. It then restricted England

Browns Can Grab Gordon

FOOTBALL Darrien Gordon, who had two interceptions in Denver's Super Bowl victory, was left unprotected by the Broncos for next week's Cleveland Browns expan-

Maier and Kjus Share A Big Super-G Victory

By Barbara Lloyd New York Times Service

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado — Hermann Maier and Lasse Kjus finished for a gold medal tie in the men's super giant sialom here on the opening day of the World Alpine Skiing Championships.

Both men recorded the same blistering time of 1 minute 14.53 seconds on Tuesday. It was the first time in a world skiing championship that the gold medal was awarded jointly. "It's wonderful," said Maier, an

Austrian. "Now maybe I can go fish-

ing."
Not yet, of course, because he is scheduled to race in the downhill here Saturday. If it bothered the 26-year-old Maier to share the super-G title with Kjus, a Norwegian who is his closest rival this seasoo for skiing's overall World Cup title, he was not letting on.
"It's the same," Maier said. "World

champion is world champion. Alone or

If two's a tight finish, three's a crowd, but Hans Knauss almost crashed the gold-medal party.

Knauss, 27, a teammate of Maier's, came within one-hundredth of a second of the two gold medalists.

It was barely a wisp of a difference, even for ski racing's split-second fin-ishes. But it was enough to leave Knauss, who skied the 1.2-mile Birds of Prey slope in 1:14.54, with the bronze

The Austrian team showed again that it was going to be almost impossible to topple. Seven of the top 10 competitors in the current World Cup overall standing are Austrian. Even in that company, Maier stands ont.

Maier's strength allows him to re-cover from mishaps that may physically and emotionally scar less adept skiers. At the Winter Olympic Games last February in Nagano, Japan, for instance, Maier was shaken and sore from his harrowing crash in the downhill — which sent him catapulting through two safety nets and piles of snow — but still went on to capture gold medals in both the super-G and the giant slalom.

■ Cavagnoud Is Hurt in Vail

Regine Cavagnoud of France, fifth in the overall World Cup standings, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee when she crashed near the start of a practice run Tuesday for the women's downhill, The Associated Press reported from Vail, Colorado.



Lasse Kjus of Norway en route to a super-G victory. He tied for first with Hermann Maier of Austria.

IOC in Revolt Over Ban on City Visits and Doping Policy

2-Year Sanction Plan Criticized; No Consensus on a Drug Agency

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LAUSANNE, Switzerland - Two of the key elements of the International Olympic Committee's anti-doping strategy met damaging opposition at the doping summit meeting on Wednes-

day.
Two of the Olympic movement's most important member federations cycling and soccer — made it clear that they opposed a uniform two-year penalty for drug offenses, while IOC mem-bers disagreed over the way a proposed international anti-drug agency would be

If it cannot resolve those disputes the IOC will struggle to come to any concrete resolutions by the end of the meet-

ing Thursday.
Sepp Blatter, head of FIFA, the governing bodies should have flexibility to deal with cases.

Any tribunal would lift a two-year sanction because a player has to work for his family, said the FIFA president, Sepp Blatter. "There should be flex-ibility," he said. "That's all I'm asking for."

Cycling, under pressure following last year's doping scandal at the Tour de France, also questioned the wisdom of a two-year sanction.

Hein Verbruggen, the head of the International Cycling Federation, who acknowledged that his sport was directly responsible for the conference, said that while cycling authorities were attacking the problem, bans were not a

'Longer sanctions will cause a rush from athletes to the civil courts and action for compensation that we can't afford," Verbruggen said.

The IOC threatened last year to expel federations from the Olympics if they refused to back the proposal of a two-year ban, but FIFA, at least, seemed to

"My response to FIFA is 'yes,'" said Judge Keba Mbaye, who headed an IOC group on the sanctions issue.
He said FIFA would be allowed to apply suspensions of under two years.

Primo Nebiolo, head of the IAAF, world track and field's governing body, offered a compromise under which federations would be able to cite "exceptional circumstances" in applying bans of less than two years.

Marc Hodler, leader of the seven winter sports federations, backed Nebiolo's proposal.

There was nevertheless strong op-position, particularly from other track and field figures.

and field's governing body, said federations that did not accept a two-year ban should be thrown out of the Olympics.

'It can't be that we have a situation three months before the Sydney 2000 Games that an athlete, cyclist and soccer player test positive and can go on to the Games while others cannot," he said. "A credible fight against doping must adopt a principle that the same rights

apply to everyone." Sebastian Coe, twice the Olympic 1,500 meters gold medalist, said the credibility of sport depended on uniform sanctions.

'We have to hold our nerve, we have

to hold the line," said Coe, a former British member of Parliament. In November the IOC agreed that its president, Juan Antonio Samaranch,

should head a new anti-doping agency. But this week it has become increasingly clear that leading sports officials and politicians believe that an inde-



Samaranch at the drug meeting.

endent figure should be in charge of

any new agency.
Interior Minister Otto Schily of Germany expressed the European view that crucial to its success. Schily was speaking ou behalf of the European sports ministers during his country's sixmonth EU presidency.

"Perhaps we can agree on the principle of an agency but at the end of the meeting you will not have an agency decided in detail," said Prince Alexandre de Merode, the IOC drug chief. Finger pointing and raw criticism

continued to dominate the meeting as much as calls for a unified stance oo

European delegates criticized the United States for making proposals for thorough reform, saying it was seeking the high moral ground while it was unable to control the doping issue at home. "They should not take the others for being naive and small people," said Henri Serandour, the French Olympic Committee president. "They should stop giving us lessons. They want to appear whiter than white."

(AP, Reuters)

42 Members Complain Loudly **Over Reform of Bidding Process** The Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland --- Rankand-file International Olympic Committee members mounted a revolt Wednesday against plans to strip them of voting rights in the selection of Olympic host cities.

"If we have some bad apples, they should be thrown out, but don't tell us the whole general assembly is corrupt," said Mario Pescante, an Italian IOC Pescante said 42 IOC members had a

breakfast meeting with IOC executive the IOC board members Wednesday to discuss members the proposed new voting procedure forms the 2006. Winter Games.

An "overwhelming majority" of the members came out against the plan, Pescante said. "For the first time in the voice of the members is very, very loud."

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, said Jan. 24 that the selection system would be overhauled as a result of the bribery scandals surrounding the hidding process for the 2002 Winter Games.

The IOC executive board banned committee members from visiting the six 2006 candidates and proposed that the selection of the host city be made by a 15-member panel rather than the full IOC assembly

Samaranch said the proposal would be put to a special meeting of the assembly March 17-18. "It's impossible the general as-

sembly will approve this proposal,"
Pescante said. "I'm sure the executive board will have to find a new solution Pescante said he and other members

made a counter proposal. A small group of experts should narrow the field to two or three finalists 24 hours before the vote, he said, and then let the full assembly choose the winner. Pescante said some IOC members at

the breakfast meeting asserted that the proposed system favored the candidacs of Sion, Switzerland, for the 2006 Games. Many IOC members visited Sion during its unsuccessful hid for the 2002 Games, and rival cities view its proximity to IOC headquarters in witzerland as an unfair advantage. He said there was no response from

the IOC leaders to the outcry from the

"All the executive board members were silent," he said.

Despite the revolt, Pescante said the members remained in full support of Samaranch, who will put his leadership "We are confident in the president,"

Pescante said.
"He is the only man to lead us out of the tunnel. But he must understand that the time of under-the-table decisions is

• In Japan oo Wednesday, the Mainichi newspaper reported that evidence had been found proving that hid officials spent millions of dollars on entertainment before Nagano's successful

1998 Winter Games bid. The report contradicted statements by Nagano officials that all financial records relating to the hid had been de-

stroyed. In Sydney, Olympic officials said they would hold a special board meeting next Tuesday to vote on whether to release the confidential host city contract for the 2000 Summer Games.

Uotil now, officials have refused to make the public the cootract between the IOC and Sydney. (Reuters, AP)

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2. Jagr stood on the beach with seven minutes to play and said, "We're not going to lose this game." Jagr set up Hrdina for the

tying goal at 13:59, then fought off two defenders to make a no-look pass onto Kip Miller's stick for the go-shead goal and a 4-3 lead at 15:11. He scored into an empty net with one second remaining for his 21st goal

after Miller passed up a chance for his first NHL hat trick to give Jagr the puck.

lan Hejduk and Adam Deadmarsh scored third-period goals to lead Colorado to a franchise record ninth consecutive victory and its first victory in Boston since the 1995-96 season.

Sandis Ozolinsh gave the Avalanche a 1-0 lead when he scored on a power play at 6:14 of the first period. Jason Allison scored two second-period goals for the Bruins.

Maple Louis 3, Lightning 0 Bryan Berard and Sergei Berezin scored power-play goals in the second period. and Curtis Joseph stopped 23 shots for his 21st shutout and second this season as Toronto won at Tampa Bay. Todd Warriner added a

third-period goal at 7:35 as the Maple Leafs moved into first place in the Northwest Division.



Jagr stick-handling past the Sabres' Michael Peca.

home crowd in Phoenix. Keith Tkachuk had a goal scored for the Coyotes.

Nikolai Khabibulin stopped and an assist for Phoenix, giv-34 shots to earn a tie for the ing him five points in two games. Travis Hansen also

NBA Czar Reaches Out to World

Basketball League on Track to Bolster International Presence

By Frank Lawlor International Herald Tribune

As the National Basketball Association tips off its long-delayed season Friday, David Stem, the league commissioner, holds the whole world of basketball in his hands.

The recovery of the flagship league after a protracted labor stalemate is vital to a sport that, with NBA players absent, could barely attract crowds at last sum-

mer's world championships in Greece. The NBA is the only basketball league whose television broadcasts span the continents, whose players make in-ternational news and whose team colors are worn in every corner of the globe. Now, with the retirement of its world

icon, Michael Jordan, the ball has landed squarely in Stern's court. His mission, he says, is "to continue to provide the best basketball on the

planet." A strong NBA is essential, he says, to basketball's global health. "Right now, our focus is very shortterm," Stern said in an interview. "We have to get out of the hole we dug for ourselves and live up to our domestic promises. Once we get back to the point where we were in terms of popularity, I have some things I'd like to do in-

ternationally. But first we have to make sure our own league is strong again." Specifically, Stern hopes to launch worldwide "goodwill" clinics covering the gamut of basketball operations. Until now, the NBA's vaunted global marting scheme has aimed largely at procuring international television coverage, playing real NBA games on foreign soil and stocking U.S. Olympic "dream" teams with its superstars.

Those commitments — NBA regular ason games in Japan and Mexico, plus biennial club and international championships — are re-established in the ague's new labor contract, Stern said. The clinics would add a personal touch to the NBA's international presence. and would respond to the many requests for appearances that the league receives from basketball federations worldwide.

"I'd very much like to share what we do with the rest of the basketball world on a goodwill basis," Stern said. "We had begun to do it in certain ways be-fore. We've had ex-coaches like Hubic Brown and Jack Ramsay, for example, at the European Final Four with Bill Walton. Clinics we have done in recent years in Africa and Asia have developed

nonnous goodwill. "When we get back into it, I want it to be on a more systematic basis across the range of basketball operations: with clinics by coaches, referees, players, trainers, team physicians, marketing people. We've been set back by our own abor woes, but at the end of next season 1 hope to develop an ongoing program and put it into motion. It's a nice way to interface with other federations and other leagues who continually ask us to

share our knowledge with them."
Goodwill abroad could help the NBA as it strides the globe as the undisputed sketball giant, getting more TV exposure in some countries than the domestic professional leagues. While Stern believes in marketing superstars because "people like to watch celebrities," European leagues see more and more of their best home-grown players defect for NBA millions.

Even when the lockout was near the point of no return last month, when the NBA seemingly had least to offer, the league proved irresistible even to those European players tempted by milliondollar contract offers back home. Only two accepted offers to play in Europe, and even then insisted on escape clauses letting them return to America.

Arvydas Sabonis, the Lithuanian center, signed tentatively with his original in Kaunas, but once the NBA settled its lockout, balked at playing even one game for fear of injury. He qoickly flew to the United States and signed again with Portland for a reported \$24 million over three seasons. For Stem, an influx of world talent

welcome evidence that international players are improving dramatically. At the same time, Stern notes, there are hundreds Americans playing professionally outside the United States. including a handful of ex-NBA starters. They represent a substantial outflow of

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Stem said. "To us, the sport seems to be

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Trail Blazers Sign Jackson for 3 Years

PORTLAND, Oregon - Jim Jackson, a free agent guard, has signed a three-year, \$6 million contract with the Portland Trail Blazers, giving the team more outside shooting and depth at the gnard position.

Jackson, a six-year National Basket-ball Association veteran, played the final 31 games of last season with Golden State, averaging 18.9 points. He began his career with the Dallas Mavericks, who selected him with the fourth overall

pick in the 1992 draft.

Jackson was dealt to New Jersey in a nine-player trade in 1997. He was traded to Philadelphia on draft day 1997 in the deal that sent Keith Van Horn to the Nets. Jackson spent the first part of last season with the 76ers before being traded with Clarence Weatherspoon to

Golden State for Joe Smith and Brian Shaw. Jackson, who practiced with the Blazers on Tuesday, said he had had

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in, and also that this team is in the playoffs, so they don't need Jim Jacksoo

to put them over the hump," he said. The Blazers are way over the \$30 million salary cap, but were eligible to sign one free agent for \$1.75 million.
Jackson will be paid that this season with 10 percent raises the next two seasons.

 Anthony Mason, the Charlotte Horoets top rebounder, will miss the entire season.

Mason injured his elbow in practice. A scan Tuesday showed a ruptured biceps tendon.

The team is already without Glenn Rice, its top scorer last season.

Cleaves Makes Winning Shot for Spartans

The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania - Mateen Cleaves made only three of 11 shots in the first 39 minutes, but managed to talk Tom Izzo, the Michigan State coach, into letting him take the last shot with the game tied.

Cleaves hit a leaning 10-footer with 4 seconds left, giving the eighth-ranked Spartans a 70-68 victory over Penn State on Tuesday. Cleaves fin-ished with 14 points and five assists as Michigan State (19-4, 8-1) remained

Penn State (10-10, 2-8) lost for the seventh time in eight games.

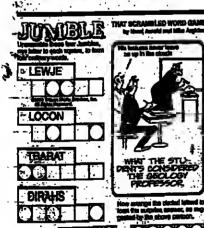
Izzo and Cleaves debated which play to run during a time-out with 12 seconds left and the game tied 68-68. Izzo wanted Cleaves to hit a forward with a cross-court pass. Cleaves wanted to take the last shot.

"I didn't want to throw a crosscourt pass because that was a little scary at the end of a game," Cleaves said. "All I wanted to do was get in the middle, if I had a shot, take it, and

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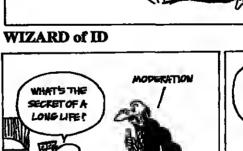




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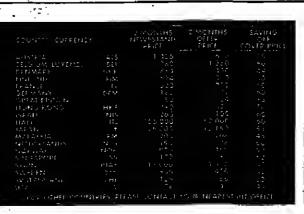






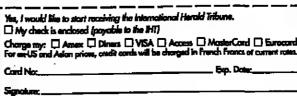
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New York Opens Play Festival

NEW YORK — Like the literary equivalent of the Australian Open or Wimhledon, a knockout playwriting tournament began here Wednesday night with four plays presented under the auspices of the Turnip Theater Company at the Studio, at 145 West 46th St.

The event is the "New York City 15-Minute Play Festival," comprising 32 original short plays chosen from 250 entries nationwide and competing through Feb. 20.

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In Los Angeles, a Dream Factory for Musicians

By Neil Strauss New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Perhaps the best place Leto spot pop, rock and rap superstars, upand-comers and has-beens in this city is not the bars and clubs, but the music stores. Making it as a musician may require talent, persistence and opportunity, but before that one needs gear.

The Guitar Center, the chain that began here in 1964 as the Vox Gnitar Center, ranks among the United States' biggest clearinghouses for ambition.

When musicians sign contracts with music labels, they run to the Guitar Center to spend their advance money. When bands in studios blow out an amp or snap a guitar string, they usually replace it at the Guitar Center. And when an actor or a retired plumber suddenly decides on a career change, the neophyte's first investment is often at the Guitar Center.

The store's customer list over the decades reads like a pop music reference book, including Bo Diddley, Stevie Ray Vanghan, the Ventures, Stevie Wonder, Jeff Beck, New Edition, Melissa Etheridge, Smashing Pumpkins and Alanis Morissette, not to mention less-esteemed aspiring musicians

like David Koresh and Charles Manson. To take the pulse of musical activity in Los Angeles, the dream factory responsible for much of American pop music, one can just spend a day at the Guitar Center.

picked up \$700 worth of drum equipment. The now general manager of the store. alternative pop group Fountains of Wayne stopped in looking for a vintage yellow guitar for a video they were filming. Remy Zero and Motorhead called seeking gear for their tours. The thythm-and-hlues group Sons of Funk, on Master P's No Limit label, checked out drum machines for their new album. The actor of equipment for a party and had the store's Robert Downey Jr. picked up some head-phones for his music project.

Then there was the time Stevie Wonder

phones for his music project.

A formerly successful heavy-metal guitarist who reeked of alcohol at 10 A.M. and asked that his name not be used replaced equipment he had pawned elsewhere. The country star Clint Black called to say be would be stopping by. A Los Angeles Dodger phoned for a price quote on equip-Nelson and half of the group Nelson) spent derman said. "You're dealing with your hehours shopping. Not bad for what employees called a quiet day."



Buck Dow, who plays with a band called Buck, checking out the merchandise.

my brother got a little drum set. They thought it would be just a hobby, but we were back oend a day at the Guitar Center. when we were 11 huying real instruments. The rest of the nearly 40,000-square-foot
On a recent Friday there, Guns 'n' Roses And the guy who sold me my guitar then is (3,600-square-meter) store is filled with al-

The man to whom Nelson referred is Dave Weiderman, who is actually the store's director of artist relations, as well as a former touring drummer with Peter Brown and a font of Guitar Center lore. He likes to talk about when the Sultan of Brunei bought a roomful

met a boy who came to the store daily and played the piano wistfully, hoping one day to buy it for his church.

"You sound good." Wonder said before buying the shocked boy the instrument. And Weiderman recounts the time Bo Diddley brought homemade barbecue for the staff.

The Guitar Center began humbly as an "My dad got me my first instrument here extension of the Organ Center chain, its spe- and treat a regular guy like a celebrity."

when I was seven." Nelson said as he stood cialty intended to capitalize on Beatlemania. in the huge guitar section in a cowboy shirt. It has expanded along Sunset Strip, filling a "I got a three-quarter-sized bass guitar and former movie theater and a rehearsal hall next door, and it is filled with guitars, including a basement full of rare instruments.

> most everything that a musician, studio technician, DJ or roadie could want computer programs, stage lights, mixing consoles, turntables, synthesizers, travel cases.

The store's critics complain of relentless expansion nationwide — the chain's 49th store is scheduled to open in Long Island City, New York, this spring — and price mark-downs that are driving smaller independent stores out of business. Last year, the publicly held company had revenue of \$391 million.

Weiderman's response is that "whenever we go into a new territory, it increases business for the mom-and-pops." He cited several guitar stores that had opened near the flagship in Los Angeles.

Not everybody who shops at the Guitar Center is famous. Some of the store's most interesting customers are not familiar faces. As its salespeople say repeatedly, the store motto is "Treat a celebrity like a regular guy

That Friday, for example, a group of fresh-faced teenagers hoping to be as big as the Backstreet Boys bought tens of thousands of dollars worth of studio equipment. Jonathan Shneidman, a computer and interface designer for digital video disks, spent nearly six hours selecting electronic equipment to play-live on the internet. And representatives of a church in South Korea bought a public ad-

dress system.

The cliché music store experience is to walk in and see dozens of teenagers playing Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" on guitar with no intention of making a purchase. Within a half hour of the store's opening that Friday the song had already been played twice, but a new trend seemed to be emerging. In the guitar section, many customers were experimenting with alternate tunings, employees said.

More strikingly, most teenagers which walked through the door went not to the guitars but to the drum machines and samplers. What guitar riffing was to kids in the '80s, beat-making (programming hip-hop-and dance rhythms) is to teenagers today.

Part of the Guitar Center's cachet is its 185°

salespeople. Almost all are musicians, usually older men past their glory days or younger ones hoping that their big break will come-even faster through contacts made at the Guiz. tar Center. To see a stereotypical image of the technically minded musician's musician, look around the store: At one point in the studio. equipment room, the ratio of employees with ponytails to those without was 4 to 1.

"I put my hair in a ponytail because it looks more professional," explained one. But if I want to relate to a heavy-metal musician, I can just pop my hair out and let it

Slade came to the store looking for CDs of drum loops that he had ordered. The store did not have them yet and Slade was crestfallen. explaining that he could not work without them. Moved by Slade's disappointment or maybe just bored on this relatively slow Friday — an employee, Johnny Del.con, drove to the supplier's office half an hour away in Century City to pick up the CDs and make the \$64.84 sale. Slade tried to stuff a \$20 tip into DeLeon's pocket, hut he de-

Asked what led him to go so far out of his way for such a small sale, DeLeon just smiled and shrugged, reciting the Guitar Center credo, "Treat a celebrity like a regular guy and treat a regular guy like a celebrity."



GREETINGS — The exiled Iranian author Faradsch Sarkuhi embracing the Nigerian poet Ogaga Ifowod as they met Wednesday at a writers' seminar, "Berlin — City of Escape." Sarkuhi now lives in Germany. me like an animal," the Bangkok Post

THE Public Broadcasting Service must pay nearly \$47 million to the former Monkee Michael Nesmith and his defunct company for defrauding him in a home video deal that sank the firm. A federal jury in Los Angeles decided that PBS went behind Nesmith's back to steal the home video rights to such popular fare as "Sesame Street" and the Ken Burns documentary "The Civil War" while promising to keep his faltering firm afloat. Nesmith's company. Pacific Arts, made a deal in 1990 to distribute the PBS Home Video Line. Nesmith, 56, was the hat- and sideburns-

wearing member of the Monkees.

Protesters beckled Thailand's for allowing the shooting of a Leonardo DiCaprio movie on a protected beach. Several activists showed up at the headquarters of the Forestry Department as Plodprasop was making a speech. He told the hecklers they should leave the matter to the courts and stop "treating

quoted him as saying. Environmentalists are suing Plodprasop, saying the 20th Century Fox production is spoiling Phi Phi Island's fragile ecosystem. The filmmakers have ended shooting and say they are returning the beach to its pre-

Siegfried and Roy, who were warned

28 years ago that a magic act would never work in Las Vegas, have marked their 4,000th performance at the Mirage. The two have performed before 6 million people at the hotel-casino since they opened in 1990, and their show has grossed \$500 million.

D.A.R.E. an anti-drug program used in

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The Singer Sinead O'Connor Strikes Back

Agence France-Presse ONDON - The Irish rock singer Sinead O'Connor says she will sue the I father of her daughter after his charges that she had neglected the 2-year-old were dismissed. O'Connor said the Irish journalist John Waters's accusations

arose out of "malice and vindictiveness. abuse," she said from her home in north London. She said she would sue him for filing a malicious report and for "the damage to my career and family life." A social services spokesman confirmed that a social worker had visited the

house and that the agency would not be taking the matter any further. "Now John will have to go through the courts and let the judges work out how and when he can see Roisin. He has just made life much more difficult for schools across the United States, has such Rolling Stone magazine for \$50 million. contending it was libeled in an article written by a journalist who admitted making up part of the story. The article by Stephen Glass said D.A.R.E., or Drug Abuse Resistance Education, tried to "sileace critics, suppress scientific research and punish nonbelievers." The federal lawsuit alleges that Rolling Stone's managing editor, Robert Love, requested a derogatory article about D.A.R.E. to forther efforts by the editor and publisher, Janu Wenner, to "discredit anti-drug organizations." Glass was a writer for the New Republic when he confessed to making up stories for that magazine and others, including Rolling Stone.

He has conquered film, stage and television. Now John Lithgow has decided to chart untested waters with a singing career. The star of "Third Rock" From the Sun' is releasing his first? album next month, "Singin' in the Bathtuh." The collection of swing style.

tunes will be aimed at children.



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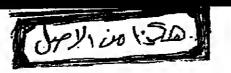
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